

Sarajevo, a Year Later: Survival Is the Main Job

To Work With Russians on **Joint Reactor** Device Would Be Fueled With Plutonium From **Ex-Soviet** Warheads

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By William J. Broad

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Seeking a new path to East-West disarmamen1, Russian and American exwest desaintement, Russian and American ex-perts have agreed to team up to develop and build a new type of reactor fueled with phytoni-um from nuclear warheads to produce electric-ity. The \$1.5 billion reactor would be built in Russia and supplied at least partly with photo-nium from Moscow's huge stockpile of scrapped nuclear arms.

The initiative, led by General Atomics of San Diego, requires up to \$100 million over five years from the U.S. government, which is studying the general idea of plutonium as fuel and, separately, whether to support the East-West reactor plan. The small reactor would be cooled by helium and is advertised as immune to meltdown.

Until the plan was unveiled Monday, excess photonium from Russian nuclear disarmament was largely slated to be stored, leading some specialists to fear it could fall into unfriendly hands. The reactor plan is seen as offering an alternative path of disposal.

An agreement between General Atomics and the Russian Ministry for Atomic Energy to form a reactor-building venture was signed in Moscow last week and made public by General Atomics on Monday. Top Russian officials are said to have pushed

hard to have the issue discussed at the Vancon-ver summit meeting, but it is not known whether the topic was aired.

"This reactor offens a very attractive oppor-tunity to destroy weapons-grade plutonium and simultaneously to produce electricity," Neil Blue, chairman of General Atomics, said in an interview.

"The joint venture will provide stabilizing employment of Russian scientists and engi-neers previously engaged in making nuclear weapons and will contribute to the convension of Russia's nuclear-weapons industry into a force for peaceful economic reconstruction."

But Paul Leventhal, president of the Nuclear Control Institute, a private group based in Washington, said he was strongly opposed to

"We see this as a major diversion in trying to get platonium out of commerce," he said in an interview. "It's better to turn it into glass and bury it," a reference to the process used for

By John F. Burns

By John F. Burns New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — De-termined to find something for her four young children to eat, Stanka Voloder set out one day last week and walked five miles to the barbed-wire perimeter of the United Nations head-quarties here to rummage through the gar-bage. After a while, she found three rotting potatoes and an onion, walked home to the Bistrik district in the city center, and cooked her treasures over a wood fire. As she told her story later, Mrs. Voloder broke into tears. "Oh help me, please help me," she said over and over as she stood in Sarajevo's central market, churching a bedroll wapped in plastic and stamped with the blne-and-yellow flag of the European Community. The bedroll was part of a handout of relief supplies to families in Bistrik, and Mrs. Vo-loder was hoping somebody would buy it for 10 German marks (about \$6.25), so that she could buy more food. could buy more food.

Tuesday was the first anniversary of the tuckulay was the first anniversary of the attack that most people in Sarajevo regard as the first volley of the brutal war here, a burst of Serbian smper fire from a third-floor win-dow of the Holiday Inn that killed several people in a crowd demonstrating for peace and national unity outside the Bosnian parlia-

The shots were aimed at destroying a soci-ety, just like the gunfire that cut down Arch-duke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife on June 28, 1914, about a mile from where the Holiday Inn now stands, setting off the train of events that led to World War L

But the Sarajevo that emerged from World War I and from World War II, when it was occupied by Nazi forces, suffered only neld physical damage in comparison with the cata-clysm wrought by the Serbian siege of the last year. In a city with a population of 380,000, estimate indicate that more than U 000 Bas estimates indicate that more than 11,000 Bos-nians have been killed and 50,000 have been wounded

wounded. Virtually no building of consequence has escaped heavy damage or ruin, and even peo-ple who have lived here throughout the siege have difficulty grasping the extent of the de-struction when they get the rare chance to travel across the city by car. Most public and private transportation has disappeared.

"My God, the city is destroyed," Sanja Besarovic, a surgeon at Kosevo Hospital, the city's main medical complex, said as a friend drove her to a clinic in the city's heavily bombarded western district on a recent after-

Working shifts that often stretched to 24 hours and walking to her house near the hospi-tal on her days off, Dr. Besarovic had been confined over the last year to a small area of the city. Nothing she had seen on television news — on the nights when there was electrical power in the hospital — had prepared her for the miles of apartment buildings and holes, corporate headquarters and government

buildings punctured by shellfire and burned to charcoal.

from Serbian nationalist batterics on the surrounding mountains, the scale of destruction is so great that many residents have abandoned thoughts of how the city could be rebuilt and resolved to escape one day and flee Bosnia altogether. Although most countries in Europe are tightening their immigration con-trols to keep out a flood of more than 1.6 million Bosnian refugees, virtually everyone here who speaks with foreigners, from lawyers to cab drivers, asks sooner or later about help

in getting resculed abroad. In the meantime, surviving is a full-time preoccupation in a city where it has become commonplace to say that Sarajevo has been bombarded back into the Middle Ages. Like Mrs. Voloder, whose husband spends weeks at

a time as a draftee "at the front," in sodden trenches on Trebevic Mountain guarding against Serbian infantry attacks, tens of thousands of people in Sarajevo - and others like them all across this devastated republic spend their days struggling to summon up the energy and ingenuity for a dispiriting round of foraging for food, water and firewood.

For most people, about the only thing left to celebrate is that they are still alive, even if many of their relatives and friends are not. "Ziv sam," ("I'm alive") has become a sort of manita for people weighed down by cares, a common way of punctuating, conversations about how all else — home, job, hope — has been lost. Statistically, at least in Sarajevo and in other predominantly Muslim centers under siege in Bosnia, life is a fragile thing, easily lost in an instant to a sniper's bullet or a shell. For now, the Serbian nationalist forces are

mostly resting in their bunkers beside their artillery pieces, tanks, mortars and anti-air-craft machine guns, more or less observing a cease-fire that their leaders declared across

Bosnia 10 days ago. In the chaos of the war, no one has a verifiable count of bow many people have died, but the estimates are staggering. Work-ing from sketchy reports filed by clinics and begins and with the set of th hospitals and police units, a Bosman govern-ment group that calls itself the Medical Crisis Committee purs out a weekly bulletin that the Swiss-based International Committee of the

Red Cross considers broadly accurate. In its latest report, counting to the end of March, the Bosnian committee said that neur-ly 140,000 civilians across Bosnia were dead or missing in the war, including 8,565 people in

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UN's Efforts In Bosnia Hit With a Pair **Of Setbacks**

Refugee Rescue Fails And Muslims Boycott A Cease-Fire Meeting

By David B. Ottaway Washington Post Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - United Nations peacemaking efforts were dealt a double blow Tuesday as an attempt failed to rescue thousands of Muslim refugees surrounded by Serbian forces in eastern Bosnia and the Mus-lim-led government refused to attend a meeting of the three warring factions to discuss consoli dation of a tenuous cease-fire.

The two setbacks, both inflicted this time by the Bosnian Muslims instead of the Serbs, un-derlined the difficulty of finding a solution to the multitude of problems created by this yearold civil war as first one side, and then the other, raises new obstacles. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees

had planned to begin Tuesday the evacuation of up to 15,000 Muslim refugees trapped in the Serb-besieged town of Srebrenica. But when a 19-truck convoy arrived there — with no prob-lems from the Serbian side — local Muslim authorities refused to allow any to leave.

It was the second time they blocked their departure, angry over what they see as the United Nation's assistance to the Serbian cam-paign to drive all Muslims out of eastern Bosnia to make way for its incorporation into a "greater Serbia." They reportedly also fear that once most of the civilian population leaves, international pressure on the Serbs to halt their ad-

vance on the town will cease. But the refusal of Srebrenica's local authori-ties to allow the orderly departure of civilians, most of them refugees from nearby villages already fallen to the Serbs, has made them de-facto hostages of their own Muslim leaders.

There are 40,000 to 60,000 Muslims left in the Srebreniea enclave, one of only three areas still in Muslim hands there.

still in Muslim hands there. The UN refugee agency's special envoy to former Yugoslavia, José Marie Mendiluce, told reporters here that his organization had no intention of abetting the Serbian policy of "eth-nic cleansing" but remained dedicated to sav-ing as many lives as possible. The UN envoy said he had obtained the permission of Bosnia's Muslim president, Aliga

Izetbegovic, to carry out the evacuation under a plan that would see a UN 29-truck convoy bring in food supplies and take out 1,000 to 1,500 civilians at a time until all those wishing to leave were evacuated.

He described the saving of Srel



A Sarajevo woman eating a bit of food she found while scavenging in rubble along the street in the battered Bosnian capital.

After months of heavy shelling and gunfire

The initiative parallels joint plans already under way to burn Russia's wast surplus of pranium, another fuel of nuclear warheads.

Last year, the Bush administration an-nounced a deal with Russia to buy much of its highly earlched uranium from nuclear arms so it could be diluted into fuel for civilian power plants. That agreement is snaded in bureaucratic red tape.

General Atomics is a pioneer in the nuclear industry with a strong record of working suc-cessfully with the Russians. Last year it became the conduit by which the federal government began to tap Russia's scientific talent, hiring more than a hundred Russian scientists to help American development nuclear fusion.

Now General Atomics says it has a design for See FUEL, Page 6

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Clinton Pressures

Libya on Suspects

WASHINGTON (Renters) - President Bill Clinton warned Libya on Tuesday that

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Miyazawa Choice of Foreign Minister Sets Off a Fight By James Sterngold New Tark Times Service

TOKYO - One week before Japan is to be host of a high-level international conference on providing aid to Russia, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa decided to name a relative newcoaner to international affairs to replace his ailing foreign minister, setting off an intense power struggle in the governing party. The decision Tuesday is not expected to alter

significantly Japan's cantious foreign policy, but some commentators said it could make it more difficult for Japan to break from its old policy of reluctantly providing aid to Russia and to establish a new course as a leader in

After a day of funious speculation and mis-cues, Mr. Miyazawa decided to name Kabun Mnto, 66, a stalwart of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, to replace Michio Watanabe, a colorful and plain-spoken political veteran who resisted stepping down but whose health has been deteriorating since he had surgory last year. The appointment is not expected to be made official until Wednesday.

Mr. Muto is from the same faction of the overning Liberal Democratic Party as Mr. Watanabe, so his appointment preserves the tenuous balance of power in Mr. Miyazawa's

efforts to encourage reform in the former Soviet cabinet. But because of his lack of experience — he formerly held the posts of minister of agriculture and of international trade and industry - Mr. Muto was regarded as something of a caretaker rather than an aggressive shaper

of foreign policy. In addition, the decision by Tsutomu Hata, the head of a breakaway faction of the governine party, to decline the position led to speculation that Mr. Miyazawa's grip on power was

"I think Mr. Hata's decision to turn down the time minister's offer is more important than Mr. Muto's acceptance," said Ikuo Kabashima, a professor of politics at Tsukuba University.

By Steven Erlanger

New York Times Service

SARATOV, Russia -- Charles Bennett, West

Point, Class of 1962, trained as a navigator-

bombardier on a B-52, preparing to drop nucle-ar bombs on the Soviet Union. Today, at 54, he

is a Peace Corps volunteer in the small city of Kamyshin on the Volga, teaching Russians how

to create small businesses in a market economy.

rubbing a hand over his graying mustache. The idea was to protect America, kill the enemy and not be friends. But now the big

threat is over, and it's a hell of a reversal. Here I

am now eating dinner at the tables of people I

Well before the Vancouver summit meeting. President Bill Clinton promised more aid to

Russia, including exchanges of retired Ameri-can business executives and other experts to

was willing to turn into dust."

"I had a military flavor to my life," he said,

From the U.S., With Peace

No Club Med, Volunteer in Russia Finds

COBODY.

sent to Russia.

"This is damaging to Mr. Miyazawa, but not immediately fatal. But it will ultimately accelerate a realignment already underway in the party and weaken Miyazawa's hold on power."

Mr. Muto acknowledged that he was "taking a tough job at a tough time," but he vowed to follow the course already set. One of Japan's most sensitive foreign policy challenges at the moment is providing financial aid to Russia, the subject of next week's conference.

Japan has been struggling to obtain a greater voice in international affairs in recent years and was proud to take a turn as host this year for the See JAPAN, Page 6

help Russians make the transition to a market

the United States has already provided. Still military trim, he came from Salem, Ore-

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gram, which is a result of President Boris N. Yeltsin's visit to Washington last June.

teers working in five cities along the Volga

River, and the second, in Vladivostok, is the

Both Saratov and Kamyshin were closed cit

ies, and Saratov, an intercontinental ballistic

missile center of about 950,000 people with up

to 70 percent of its industry military-related, was almost surely a U.S. nuclear target.

Mr. Bennett, more than most younger volun-

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base for 49 volunteers in the Far East.

The first opened in Saratov, with 45 volun-

Mr. Bennett is an example of the belp that

"test" of the whole UN humanitarian mission in Bosnia which is supposed to involve both aiding and protecting civilian war victims. Mr. Mendiluce and other UN officials lear it

is only a matter of days before Serbian forces. now within a few miles of Srebrenica, mount an all-out attack to capture it. They are thus anxious to get as many civilians, particularly wom-en, children and the sick and elderly, out of the town to prevent either their massacre or chaotic flight,

After Tuesday's fiasco, the UN has decided to halt further convoys going to Srebrenica until some agreement is reached with its local authorities over the evacuation plan.

Meanwhile, the Bosnian government refused to take part in a UN-sponsored meeting of military commanders from the three warring factions that was scheduled to discuss the consolidation of the tenuous cease-fire and end of hostilities.

Both the Bosnian Serbs and Croats sent highranking officers to the meeting, held inside the UN military compound at the airport. After a long delay, the government delegation arrived but only to announce it would not participate.

The Muslim-led government has taken the position that there is nothing to discuss other than the Serbs' refusal to sign the UN-backed peace plan that both the Muslim government and the Croats have already signed. It believed that the Serbs only sought to come to the meeting to divert attention from their rejection of the overall plan.

Commanders of the UN peacekeeping force here, Lieutenant General Lars Eric Walgree gon, one of the first Peace Corps volunteers and Licutenant General Philippe Morillon, had hoped to get the three factions to start talks on ways to consolidate the fragile cease-fire and to end hostilities altogether.

Readers reported from Geneva:

Croatia and its rebel Serbs signed a cease-fire accord on Tuesday to end more than two months of conflict in the disputed Krajina enclave, officials said.

But Slobodan Jarcevic, foreign minister of the self-styled Serbian republic of Krajina, told reporters that the agreement would not come into effect unless Serbian deputies approved it

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Eagerly, Chinese Take Capitalist Plunge

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service New York Times Service YANTAI, China — Happily married, his career flourishing, a midlevel city official named Lu Zhoukui, 31, abruply decided fast August to "xia hai," or plunge into the sea. Mr. Lu was not feeling suicidal, and in fact it may have been the best decision he ever made. "Phunging into the sea" is the new slang in Ching for service into business, and it is becom-

China for going into business, and it is becom-ing a nationwide craze.

Tens of millions of government and Commu-nist Party officials are plunging into the sea. Deng Xiaoping's youngest son has dived in, along with the children of most other top lead-ers, and the official newspapers are full of praise for the phonomenon praise for the phenomenon.

"From top to bottom, the government is encouraging us to do business," Mr. Lu said. It says something about the giddiness of the economic and social revolution under way in China that the Communist Party is hailing its

officials for abandoning their posts to the temp-tations of capitalism. More fundamentally, the rush to plunge into the sea reflects the growing sense among China's elite that power and com-fort and prestige in the coming years will no longer derive from political position, but rather from hard cash.

One measure of the trend is that the number of registered companies in China soared 88 percent last year alone, rising to 486,000. The egistered capital of private enterprises surged 9 percent in the year, to \$3.9 billion.

Fragmentary statistics suggest that about one-third of China's 103 million government employees have leapt into the sea, or at least waded in far enough to get a second, part-time job. Many more Chinese are expected to take the plunge, for the word is getting out that the sea is warm and inviting --- and that almost no one sinks.

Mr. Lu, for instance, started a company in August to engage in everything from running

restaurants to placing Chinese laborers in foreign jobs. The company turned a profit of \$219,000 in the four months it was operating last year, and this year Mr. Lu is expecting a profit of almost \$1 million.

By comparison, his income at his old govern-ment job was \$46 a month.

Nevertheless, the trend toward leaping into the sea raises some troubling questions. Some people worry, for instance, that China is becoming a nation of money-grubbing material-ists, in which intellectuals are obliged to sacrifice more important work just to keep up with the Wangs.

There was considerable disquict when a Beijing newspaper reported that a Communist Par-ty secretary at the Forestry University was selling meat pies on the side.

A broader question is whether those leaping into the sea are unfairly taking advantage of their guanzi, or connections. Guanzi are para-

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tougher sanctions were inevitable unless it complied with a UN resolution and handed over two men accused of the fatal 1988 bombing of an airliner over Scotland. "It's inevitable that we will press for tougher sanctions if the government of Libya does not release the people that have been charged," Mr. Climton said, referring to the attack that killed 270 people. The UN Security Council is to review sanc-tions on Thursday that it imposed last year on Libya after Tripoli refused to hand over for trial two Libyans accused of blowing up the Pan Am airliner over the town of Locker-

Main Medicare Fund

Heads for Bankruptcy

A Clinton administration report warned Tuesday that Medicare's primary trust fund, which finances hospital care for 35 million elderly and disabled people, would run out of money in 1999. (Page 3)

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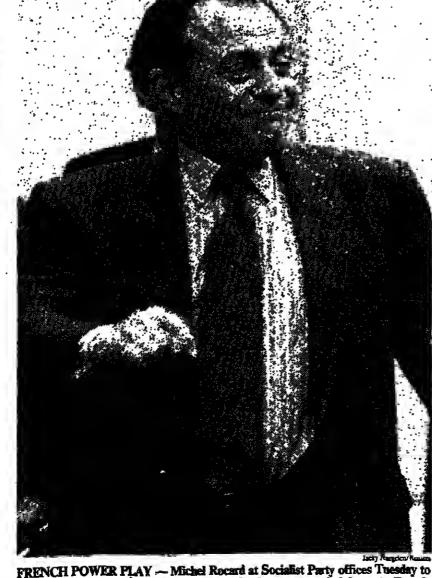
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In South Africe, a popular cartoon strip deals with the inequities of apartheid. Page 2. Germany warned tourists to use caution in Miami after murders and muggings. Page 5.

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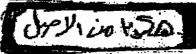
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take the leadership post. Bloodletting looms after he won control of the party. Page 2.

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Clinton Says Israel Has Done 'Enough' **On Deportee Issue**

A Warning to Tehran

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Mubarak

also accused Iran of fueling a reviv-

al of terrorism that has gripped both countries and bhuntly warned

that they will respond forcefully, Reuters reported from Washing-

terrorism, with Mr. Clinton saying they were "determined to counter

Iran's involvement in terrorism,

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tions are called upon to fight the

Fabius, however, still look to the

ists wherever we can.

The two leaders both denounced

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France's Socialists

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By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service WASHINGTON - In his first meeting with an Arab leader, Presi- participating.

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dent Bill Clinton rebuffed on Tuesday a proposal by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to ask Israel to fundamentalism as a threat, saying accelerate the return of 400 Pales- that he and Mr. Mubarak had reviewed the "common danger pre-sented by religious extremism" and tinians deported from Israel, say-ing that Israel had done "enough" discussed "ways of strengthening oo the deportee issue to get the our cooperation in countering this stalled peace talks started again. Mr. Mnbarak had wanted the and other forms of terrorism. United States to press Israel to take what he referred to as an additional

"small step" to lure the Palestinians back to the peace table for the scheduled April 20 talks by agreeing in take back all the deportees by August or September rather than at the end of the year. Mr. Mubarak's visit was the first

by a leader of the Arab world since Mr. Clinton took office, and at a joint news conference, Mr. Clinton went out of his way to praise Mr. Mubarak aod wbat be called Egypt's "special relationship" with the United States.

Mr. Clinton also said after the meeting that the conditions for resuming a dialogue between Wash-ington and the Palestine Liberation Organization had not changed from those laid down by the Bush Administration.

destabilize his country through ter-rorism and that "all civilized na-Mr. Mobarak dismissed the absence of a U.S.-PLO dialogne, say-ing that the PLO was well represpirit of violence and terrorism evsented in the Palestinian delegation erywhere, for this is a threat to the to the Middle East peace talks. Mr. existence and future of humanity.

By Alan Riding

PARIS - Oue week after

France's Socialist prime minister

handed over office to his conserva-

tive successor in a quiet and digni-

fied ceremony, a far more bitter

transfer of power took place Tues-day amid the ruins of the country's

Indeed, as Michel Rocard as-

sumed his oew post as party boss

Tuesday afternoon, his predeces-sor, Laurent Fabius, was nowhere

to be seen. Ousted last weekend in

what he denounced as a "putsch,"

Mr. Fabius was in no mood to

shake hands with a man whom he

now accuses of untempered per-

The split between the two former

prime ministers is only the most visible feature of the Socialists' cri-

sonal ambition.

once-powerful Socialist Party.

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YOU KNOW, EVE, I JUST REALISED. YOU'VE WORKED FOR ME ALL THESE YEARS. SISULU. AND I STILL DON'T KNOW YOUR LAST NAME. Mubaraks's statement contradicts the conditions of the talks, which bars members of the PLO from Mr. Clinton also indicated that his administration viewed Islamic

Cartoon Gets Under Apartheid's Skin

By Bill Keller

New York Tames Service JOHANNESBURG - Gwen Anderson is a suburban matron, a white liberal who once darkened her skin with shoe polish to, as she put it, "truly experience what it means in be a black woman in South Africa," but who does not know her black maid's last name. Eve Sisulu is her maid and her tutor in the

mysteries of the black majority. She takes mischievous delight in indulging her employer's preconceptions.

Whenever you go on vacation," Eve once confided to her mistress, "we call up all our friends, invite them over to your house, use your bathroom, and try on all your clothes!" All right, they are just characters in a

Middle East peace process." "Both our nations have suffered from the tragic consequences of cartoon strip - but in a country where the terrorism," Mr. Clinton said, "Both mistress-maid relationship is the most ubiqare absolutely determined to opuitous of interracial encounters, these two pose the cowardly cruelty of terrorwomen have captured a niche in the popular Mr. Mubarak said Iran hoped in

In the nine months since Madam and Eve made its debut in the liberal Weekly Mail, it has become one of that newspaper's most popular features, surpassing the imported Doonesbury in the latest reader survey, and proving, said the editor, Anton Harber, thet white South Africans are growing a healthier sense of burnor.

The South African Broadcasting Corp., which is trying to shake off a reputation for racial insensitivity, has commissioned scripts for a Madam and Eve situation comedy, to be broadcast on what was, in the days of televi-sion apartheid, the "white" channel.

The master-servant relationship is angstridden material for South Africans, especially those who regard themselves as liberals. For most white South Africans, a black nanny or maid is their first and most intimate

his critics is that, rather than focusing attention on the reasons for the huge conservative victory at the poils, be has seized the party apparatus simply to secure his own nomination for the 1995 presidential elections. "To realize his ambition, his

bope, he has grabbed the leader-ship of the party," Mr. Fabius said of Mr. Rocard. "It is his ambition to reach the presidency that has shattered the party. At a national level, the party has imploded."

"They entrust their homes, their children, and the private details of their lives to these people, but they won't let them use their toilet," said Stephen Francis, 38, a New Yorker married to a South African, who contributes a foreigner's annused detachment to the team of three white men who invented Madam and Eve.

Harry Dugmore, 31, and Rico Schacheri, 26, the South African members of the collaboration, say Madam and Eve are composites of countless maids and mistresses they have known.

"Eve's a bit of a myth," conceded Mr. Schacherl, who draws the strip. "She gets taken by Madam to restaurants - that doesn't really happen."

"But the relationship is not a myth." Mr. Dugmore interjected. "We know Madams and Eves - women who are really inseparable. It's the most intimate of relationships, but neither can acknowledge that it is any-

thing more than employer and employee." Violet Mothlasedi, a former maid who is president of the Domestic Worker's Union, which aspires to unionize the country's 1 million Eves, said the canoon reminded her somewhat of her own 11-year relationship with an employer, who was "so very good, after I trained her."

But in the end, she added, the domestic servant is ovver on an equal footing: "When all is said and done, you are actually a beggar in their house. The so-called liberal may be telling you you are part of the family, but at the same time she is using you."

It is apparent that a creative team whose previous satirical ventures include the book '101 Uses for a Dead Yuppie" does not approach the subject of race relations with same grim seriousness of, say, the author Nadine Gordimer.

The white habit of speaking about blacks

in their presence, as if they were not there, is captured in a strip that has Madam on her

sychiatrist's couch. "White people treat black people like they're part of the furniture," she confesses. As she leaves to make way for the next patient, the frame widens to show two black workmen who have been in the room all along, painting a wall.

"This'll be good," one whispers to his com-panion. "The next one's a schizophrenic with serval disorder."

When they are not coping with each other, Madam and Eve survey the broader iniquities of society: censorship, the universally despised telephone monopoly, state-sponsored dirty-micks squads, and the obsession with security.

The Christmas strip had Santa Claus intercepted by one of the private security teams that patrol suburbia. Madam and Eve come to the rescue, singing: "If it wasn't for us, if we didn't care, he might have "simped in the shower" at John Vorster Square!" John Vor-ess Squares is the Lohsensethurg police station ster Square is the Johannesburg police station known for the prisoners who have died in mysterious accidents.

The strip has generated only one hostile letter, which the Weekly Mail printed. It was written by a visitor from England, who found the cartoon's premise "highly offensive and in extremely poor taste given that the white master/mistress-black servant relationship is still a reality in your country and until recently laws have prevented other types of relaionships between races."

The next week, two South African readers, one white and one black, responded to the complaint in true Madam and Eve spirit: "We are heartened to see that your acceptance of affirmative action allows you to give space to contributions from the intellectually underprivileged."

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TUESDAYS?

WORLD BRIEFS

Yeltsin Foe Calls for Cabinet Shuffle

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MOSCOW (AFP) - Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi said Tues day that the pro-reform Russian government needed to revive the centrally planned coonomy and resimfle its ministers to avert chaos.

"If the situation is not changed in the next two to three months, we shall get something between civil war and dictatorship," Mr. Rutskoi told a meeting of government officials, parliamentary representatives and

He said there was a need to revive the centrally planned economy in the other groups. next six months in order to avert total collapse, the Interfax news agency reported. Mr. Rutskoi, who opposes President Boris N. Yeltsin's free-market policies, is a leader of the centrist Civic Union coalition, which has been campaigning for a "state-regulated" transition to a market economy with both a public and a private sector.

Chinese Plane Hijacked to Taiwan

BEIJING (NYT) — Two men armed with pistols hijacked a Chinese passenger airliner Tuesday to Taiwan, presenting the authorities in both Beijing and Taipei with a new challenge just a day before they begin new talks intended to ease mutual hostility.

Taiwan's government immediately returned the plane, which had been

Taiwan's government immediately returned the plane, which had been bound from the southern city of Shenzhen to Beijing, and the 205 passengers and crew. But at least for now, it appeared to reject a Chinese demand that the hijackers be repairiated, suggesting that they would, probably be tried on Taiwan instead. A former presidential aide from Taiwan is scheduled to arrive in Beijing on Wednesday for important talks in the emerging dialogue between the two rival governments. Then the two sides are expected to send top representatives to Singapore for the highest-level meeting in the four decades since the Communists defeated the Nationalist leaders and sent them into refuge on Taiwan.

Disgust Over Scandals Rises in Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) — Most Japanese believe political corruption has reached an extreme level, according to a nationwide poll published by the newspaper Asahi Shimbun on Tuesday. Of the 1,730 voters questioned, the survey found that 69 percent took that view, compared with 23

the survey found that of percent that view, echipted with 25 percent who thought otherwise. Voter disgnst hit a peak when the former govening party power broker, Shin Kanemaru, was arrested and indicted last mouth for alleged cheating on taxes worth 1.04 billion yen (\$9 million). The poil indicated that most respondents did not see the Kanemaru aroundal as an isolated case, but believed the case to be deeply rooted in Japanese politics."

UN Vows Cambodia Vote to Proceed

BANGKOK (AFP) - The United Nations secretary-general, Butros Buttos Ghali, said Tuesday that UN-run elections in Cambodia set for May 23-27 would go ahead despite the increasingly unstable situation. Mr. Buttos Ghali goes on Wednesday to Phnom Penh to inspect the UN operation

Wednesday also marks the official opening of the election campaign, which the Khmer Rouge faction is boycotting. The group has been blamed for several recent attacks in which four UN peacekeepers have been killed and several wounded. Ethnic Victnamese have also been killed, and there has been speculation that the Khmer Rouge and at destabilizing the country further ahead of the election.

Marine Guilty in Somalia Shooting

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Renters) - A court martial found a Marine

sergeant guilty of aggravated assault on Tuesday for shooting and wounding two Somalis when one of them tried to steal his sunglasses. The military court stripped Gumary Sergeant Harry Conde of his rank and docked his pay for one month. Last month, the U.S. military dropped charges against a Marine who shot dead a 13-year-old Somali boy in February. On Saturday, a Marine was found guilty of punching a Somali vendor and robbing him of two walking sticks.

Nagorno-Karabakh Talks Collapse

MOSCOW (AFP) - Informal peace talks in Geneva to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict collapsed Toesday as Armenian forces consolidated their hold on the strategic Kelbajar conidor, seized from Azerbaijani forces during the weekend.

Marshal Yevgeni L Shaposhnikov, commander-in-chief of the Commonwealth of Independent States forces, said Tuesday he had offered to mediate in the five-year war."

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembski, said Turkey, which has heavily criticized Armenian advances into Azerbaijan, and Russia could soon begin an initiative to help end the conflict. He said ver the iss





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SIS. AS it its humhation m las month's legislative elections were not enough, the entire party is now engaged in a deeper bloodletting that could result in its destruction. Mr. Rocard, who barely 18

months ago was described by Mr. Fabius as the Socialists' "virtual" candidate for the 1995 presidential elections, has argued that "an electric shock" was necessary if the party were to recover any credibility in the eyes of its once-solid electoral following.

Yet while, as the Socialists' first, secretary, Mr. Fabius was a convenient scapegoat for the party's drubbing at the polls, Mr. Rocard's own credentials as a popular leader did not emerge unscathed: He and several key supporters lost their parliamentary scats to conservative challengers.

At a meeting of the party's steeriog committee last weekend, though, Mr. Fabius was ontmaneuvered by Mr. Rocard. And, in the name of preparing for a special party congress in July, Mr. Fabius and his executive committee were. replaced by a collegial directorate headed by Mr. Rocard.

The party that Mr. Rocard took over Tuesday, however, is not only divided between his friends and foes, it is also fragmented into numerous factions, most owing their Joyalties to different Socialist cavyweights, but some busily trying to carve out a sphere of influence for themselves.

Watching over this debacle is President François Mitterrand, who brought the Socialists in pow-er in 1981 and is now forced to "cohabit" with a conservative prime minister through May 1995. Adding to his discomfort, the party he founded in 1971 is now in the hands of his old rival, Mr. Rocard.

A number of former Socialist cabinet members as well as Mr.

Walesa Plans Visit to U.S.

The Associated Press WARSAW - President Lech Walesa of Poland will visit the United States April 21-23 and meet with President Bill Clinton, the Polish president's office announced Tuesday.

Another former party leader, Pierre Mauroy, who is now secre-tary-general of Socialist International, the worldwide social democratic movement, asked, "How can this new leadership pretend to rally forces beyond the party when its first problem will be to win back half the Socialists?"

Party federations in Calais and. Lille, traditional Socialist strongholds, expressed irritation with the battling among their leaders. "It is time finally to put the interests of the party beyond those of the factious and their chiefs," they said ers' Party Tuesday in a joint communiqué. Mr. Rocard, who has promised to create a broad new movement this year. embracing environmentalists, centrists and reformed Communists.

has jumped to his own defense. "The rallying of the Socialists is essential today," he said as be arrived at the party headquarters. "We have to rebuild the Socialist Party, the left and, someday, ecucral

Whether he can do so, bowever, is in doubt. And after the binemess of recent days, it is no coincidence that many Socialists have begun looking to another man to unite the party — Jacques Delors, current head of the European Communi-ty's executive commission in Brus-

Mr. Delors, who was notably absent from last weekend's tumultuous party meeting, is preparing his own quiet bid for the presidency by be blackened keeping his distance from the infighting and preserving his statesman-like image.

TOKYO - Japan had a blunt message for President Bill Clinton on Tuesday: "When

we say yes, you can take our word for it." Masamichi Hanabusa, a spokesman for the

Foreign Ministry, delivered that comment in

response to a reported remark by Mr. Clinton

to President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia that

Japan did not always mean what it said. Mr. Clinton apparently made the remark

in a discussion with Mr. Yeltsin last weekend

in Vancouver about a decades-old territorial

dispute between Tokyo and Moscow.

Will a Spanish Party Go Way of French?

and the party apparatus, Mr. Bene-gas warned that such divisions By Barry James mal Herald Tribune among the Socialists have always The crisis in the French Socialist brought "an ill wind" to Spain. Party following a humiliating elec-Spanish newspapers said that tion defeat is proving a grim omen Mr. Benegas's request had brought for Spanish Socialists. divisions in the party clearly to the Like the French Socialists, the

governing Spanish Socialist Work-For the first time the depth of has a legacy of corrupthe rift within the PSOE leadership tion and high unemployment to live down in general elections later is on view," said El País, using the Spanish-language acronym for the party.

Secking in present a clean image, Prime Minister Felipe González, in La Vanguardia said, "The letter exposes the hidden struggle that power since 1982, is demanding the resignation of Socialist leaders has been going on in the heart" of linked to a corruption scandal the party. known as the Filesa case. Either The Filesa affair is named after a

they go, he warned last week, or he Barcelona-based consultancy will step down as party secretary- group that is alleged to have chaned one billion pesetas (\$8.7 mil-Now the party has struck back. lion) in kickbacks to the Socialist

Its organizational secretary, José Party in the late 1980s. Maria Benegas, the No. 3 in the During a visit by Mr. Gouzález Socialist hierarchy, asked the party to the Autonomous University of secretariat in decide whether he Madrid last month, some students chanted insults, including allega-tions that the prime minister himshould resign. The secretariat will meet Saturday to discuss the issue. Referring to a group of reform- self was involved in the Filesa scaners in the government, but without dal.

specifically blaming Mr. González, It was then that Mr. González Mr. Benegas said he was not going to stand by and allow his name to said he would demand "political responsibility" for the scandal within the Socialist Party. A few And, referring to the more or less

Japan to Clinton: Yes, We Have No Confusion

not to trust Japan.

It became public when some notes in Rus-

sian from one of Mr. Clinton's meetings with

Mr. Yeitsin found their way into the hands of

journalists, who interpreted it as a warning

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher

called Japan's vice foreign minister to ex-

plain that Mr. Clinton's remark - that "yes"

often means "no" when uttered by the Japa-

"Yes, we can accept that explanation," said

Mr. Hanabusa, looking annused. "When we

nese - had been taken out of context.

open split between the reformers down as secretary-general unless

those involved in the scandal offered their resignations.

On a broader level, the disoute parallels a split between Mr. Gon-zález and his former comrade in arms, Alfonso Guerra, the party's deputy secretary-general. Both Mr. Guerra and Mr. Benegas represent

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the more radical party apparatus as compared with the relatively conservative prime minister and his

The Guerra camp insists that the party should not accept responsi-bility in the Filesa scandal.

Mr. Guerra resigned as deputy prime minister in 1991 over a scandal involving his brother's use of party offices. Since then, he has cultivated his power base in the southern Andalusia region and in the party.

Political analysts say that Mr. González has drawn the lesson from the Socialists' defeat in France, and realizes that unless the party is cleaned up, it risks heavy losses in forthcoming elections.

If he carries out his threat to step down from the party leadership they said, then the Socialists would almost certainly face defeat. Recent polls show the Socialists running even with the opposition cen-

say yes, you can take our word for it."

The United States supports Japan in its claim to four North Pacific islands seized by Soviet troops at the close of World War II.

But it also thinks Japan should set aside the

dispute, which has held up normalization of

Tokyo-Moscow relations for decades, to help

Japan has long refused to sign a peace

treaty formally ending hostilities with Russia

or offer it large-scale bilateral aid until the

Russian free-market reforms.

islands are returned.

days later, he said he would step ter-right Popular Party. Faced with the prospect of a se-vere setback or defeat in the election, Mr. González and Mr. Guerra have publicized efforts recently to present a united front and defend mmon interests.

Mr. González acknowledged to El País his differences with Mr. Guerra, but said communication and friendship had not entirely been lost.

However, the attempts to forge an entente now appear to be at an end. El Pais said the party appara-

tus headed by Mr. Guerra and Mr. Benegas had "declared war" on the reformers and thrown the crisis into the lap of the prime minister. If the party executive decides to keep Mr. Benegas in office and if no one takes responsibility for the Filesa scandal, analysts said, then Mr. González will have to consider carefully his threat to resign the party leadership.

German Official Asserts Rightist Tide Is Ebbing

ist extremists have continued attacking foreigners in Eastern Ger-many but without the aggressive confidence they showed last year, a senior security official said on

and were now more on the defensive

But Alwin Ziel, interior minister for Brandenburg, which was the heart of historic Prussia, said the 60 or so acts of rightist violence in the first three months of this year were about equal to the level in the first quarter of 1992.

Correction

Because of a technical error, the final paragraphs were omitted from Reginald Dale's column Tuesday in the Business and Finance pages. The column should have concluded as follows:

What the West can do, say the Russian economists, is strengthen and 1expand government insurance guarantees against the high risk of investing in their country. But it will take more than that to persuade significant In the United States, plentiful risk insurance is available from the

Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a government agency. But while tens of billions of requests are pending, only a handful of brave corporations have so far actually signed up. What the West might better do is use its official aid as a lever to

emand improvements in the Russian legal system, or at the very least overnment-to-government agreements to protect the rights of Western investors.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France said that it was canceling most of its flights Wednesday from Orly Airport outside of Paris because of a continuing strike by ground staff. But the national arfine said it had made arrangements with other airlines serving the Antilles and North Africa to take Air France passengers from canceled flights.

India outiewed a 40-day-old strike by about 70 flight engineers that has halted most long-hani schedules of Air India, the Press Trust of India said. The Labor Ministry declared the strike ilkegal Tuesday following the appointment of a tribunal to look into the demands of the engineers. Their union said members would ignore the ban. (Reuters)

Germany faces highway choos this weekend, with roads to Austria, the Netherlands, Denmark and the Czech Republic likely to be jammed for the Easter holiday, the German Automobile Chub said. (AFP)

Britain's rail workers called a second one-day strike for April 16 to protest possible job cuts. (Reuters

Some ticket sellers at Paris's Amterilitz railway station will strike this weekend to protest installation of a computerized reservations system. But the French rail system said train departures would be normal. (AFP)

Bulgarian air coutrollers suspended a 15-hour strike Tuesday after the government partially accepted their demands that landing and other fees be used to increase salaries, airport officials said in Sofia. (Reuters)

The Datch sidine KLM will resume its Amsterdam-to-Amman flights three times a week starting June 6 after suspending them in 1991 during the Gulf crisis, Jordanian officials said. (AFP)

Vinocur Gets Additional Post

NEW YORK - John Vinceur, executive editor of the International Herald Tribune, has been named to the additional post of vice president of the newspaper.

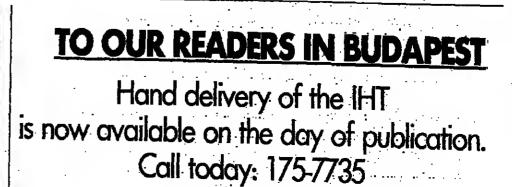
The appointment was announced Monday at a meeting of the IHT's board of directors by Richard D. Simmons, the newspaper's president

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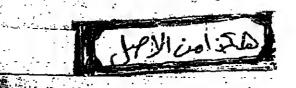




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Tuesday. Wolfgang Pfaff, chief of domes-tic security in Brandenburg state, said neo-Nazi groups there had "numed a psychological corner"



By Stephen Barr

has taken to break with Reagan-

Bush abortion policies. Two days after taking office, Mr. Clinton overturned live abortion restric-tions, including the "gag rule," which had prevented abortioo

counseling hy anyone hut physi-cians at federally funded clinics.

More recently, the administration

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AND ON HARMONICA, IT'S ... - Ronald Reagan screnading some VIP visitors during a tour of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs in Simi Valley, California. From left with the former president are Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, Mrs. Mulroney and Mrs. Reagan. Mr. Reagan said he once relaxed by playing the harmonica in the Oval Office.

* POLITICAL NOTES* Ready for Health-Care Changes, Poll Finds

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NEW YORK -- Fired by a sense of crisis, a majority of Americans say they are willing to accept substantial changes in their health-care system, including government price controls, new taxes and longer waits for nonemergency appointments, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll

They have high expectations for President Bill Clinton's promis health-care plan, the poll found, and they consider changes in health care an issue at least as urgent as the federal deficit, which is near the

top of the public's agenda. A majority of Americans seem ready for far more government involvement in the health-care system if that involvement can control costs and guarantee coverage for all, the poll shows.

Still, the survey found numerous signs of confusion and ambivalence toward some of the trade-offs that health-care reform may mean; as a result, it is a rough sketch of the challenge facing the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who heads the task force on health care. The group has been expected to produce a plan in May. While crucial decisions have yet to be made, Mr. Clinton has said

while crucial decisions have yet to be made, Mr. Cambo has said he favors an approach known as managed competition, under which doctors and patients would be encouraged to join health-mainte-nance organizations or similar prepaid plans, which provide a range of services for fixed monthly premiums. In effect, Americans would accept greater limits on their choice of doctors in return for lower

costs and security of coverage. A majority in the poll said they would accept, in general, restric-tions on their choice of a doctor if it brought those benefits. But most also said they had a doctor now whom they considered their own, and a majority said they would pay extra to keep that doctor. And, while most Americans say their health-care system was in a

crisis because of rising costs, an overwhelming majority - 74 percent - said they were satisfied with the quality of their care. This beld true regardless of sex, race or income.

Such findings suggest the political conundrum that some analysts see at the heart of the health-care debate: The public wants the current quality of care, at a lower cost and with the assurance that they will never lose it.

The nationwide telephone poll of 1,368 adults was conducted March 28-31 and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points. (NYT)

Chief Medicare Fund To Be Broke by '99, **U.S. Report Warns**

By Robert Pear New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The Clinton

inistration warned Tuesday that Medicare's primary trost fund. which finances hospital care for 35 million elderly and disabled people, would run out of money in 1999.

The trustees report underlines a problem facing the administration. President Bill Clinton is drafting an ambitious proposal to overhaul the nation's health-care system and guarantee coverage for all Americans, at an estimated cost of \$30 billion to \$90 billion a year. Administration officials have said they want to expand coverage of long-term care and begin covering, the costs of prescription drugs. But, as the Medicare trustees re-

ported, the government does not have the means to pay for the health-care commitments it has already made. ... The financial condition of Medi-

care's hospital insurance trust fund has deteriorated since April of last year, when the Bush administration ed that it would be exhaus Analyzing the future of Medied in 2002. care, the trustees observed that The trustees said the Medicare there are now four workers for each hospital program was "unsustain-Medicare beneficiary. By the midable in its present form." They did dle of the next century, they said, not say how the government could the ratio will be Z to I. But, they control Medicare costs or increase warned, Medicare's hospital insurrevenues to keep the program in ance trust fand will run out of monoperation One of the trustees, Donna E. Shalala, the secretary of health and ey "even before the major demographic shift begins to occur." human services, said: These new estimates show a significant wors-ening in the economic health of the Clinton Is Invited to Kuwait Medicare program, They reflect many of the problems that we see across the board in our health-care KUWAIT - The emir of Kusystem today, and they are another wait, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad as demonstration of the need for sys-Sabah, has invited President Bill tenwide change." Clinton to visit the emirate, the A major goal of Mr. Clinton's overall health-care plan is to conofficial Kuwaiti press agency, KUNA, reported on Tuesday. trol medical costs. In the last decade, Medicare has adopted fee schedules for hospitals and doctors UNIVERSITY DEGREE to slow the growth of Medicare spending, and by most accounts these measures have been effective. BACHELOHS - MASTERS - DOCTORATE

indicated it would not seek reanthorization of the Hyde Amend-ment, named for Representative Henry Hyde, Republican of Illi-nois, which forbids the use of Medsupposed to represent the public interest. In a separate statement, the public trustees arged Congress to "address the need for fundamental reform" of Medicare as part of icaid money to pay for abortions. its overall effort to revamp the Carolyn Kroon, president of an association of female federal work-ers, applauded Mr. Clinton's decihealth-care system. But they did not give details.

sion, saying the ban discriminated In a separate report, the adminis-tration said that the Social Security against women in the civil service and their female dependents by detrust fund that pays retirement and nying them access to complete health care coverage. Under the ban, abortions are not survivor benefits would be in sound financial condition for about 50 years. But it said that another Socovered for any reason except "where the life of the mother would cial Security trust fund, which pays disability benefits, would run out be endangered if the fetus were of money in two years.

carried to term." To deal with this problem, the The ban also forbids the use of dministration suggested reallocatfederal funds to pay administrative ing payroll taxes so that some of expenses "in connection with any bealth plan under the Federal Emthe money earmarked for retire-ment benefits would be deposited in the disability trust fund. Conployees Health Benefits Program which provides any benefits or covgress would need to pass legislation erage for abortions." to make such a change. But there is no need to increase the overall So-

cial Security tax rate, and the real-location of money would not endanger the solvency of the retirees' fund, the trustees said.

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The President Takes His Lumps

He Woos Foes on Jobs Bill, but Gets in Licks

Lift a Ban on By Gwen Ifill New York Times Service WASHINGTON -- President Bill Clinton, still bruised from the Republican battering he received in Congress and anxious for a facesaving compromise, said Tuesday he planned to "address some of the Washington Past Service WASHINGTON - In another legitimate expressed objections" to ecocounic stimulus package while Congress was on its spring

reversal of Reagan-Bush policies, the Clinton administration is pro-posing to allow federal employee **T**ÉCES But there seemed to be little othhealth insurance plans to offer covis abaring, even as Mr. Clinton con-tinued his tough talk about the moerage for abortions. Under a decade-long ban, health insurance coverage for abortions has been allowed only if a woman's tives of the recalcitrant Republi-cans who have blocked passage of life is endangered by her pregnancy. The strict ban has been enthe \$16.3 billion proposal. forced by a provision attached to

"You know, we have a system in the Treasury Department-Postal this country where people, all of whom have jobs, the minority of The provision has been proposed for deletion in President Bill Clin-ton's budget, which is scheduled for release Thursday, a spokesman the senators who all have jobs, can literally thwart majority rule," Mr. Clinton said during a White House press conference, for the Office of Management and Budget said. "The budget will also say that

Privately, however, administra-tion officials spent the bulk of their the administration will work with day casting about for a solution to the Congress to develop an ap-proach that is consistent with fed-eral and state laws," the spokesman the stinging and successful rebuff dealt them by Republicans who had been feeling ignored and bu-miliated by the majority party for The decision is the latest in a series the Clinton administration weeks.

The White House was also clear-

y surprised at the vehemence of the Some White House advisers con-Republican attack. After conserva-

ceded that they had already lost the tive Democrats insisted, it agreed first public relations round, a coo-cern supported by the latest New by first pushing through a budget York Times/CBS News poll docu-menting the slide in public opinion. menting the slide in public opinion. reduction, and then moving on to In that survey, conducted last sell a spending bill by defining it as week, 45 percent of the 1,368 peo-ple polled said the economic plan would help the nation, down from the 53 percent who said the same thing one month earlier.

One measure of the political

anxiery oow gripping the White House is that Democrats in Con-

gress have already begun muttering recriminations over the administra-

tion's handling of the Republican

While they lead the charge for a

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a jobs-creation package. Administration officials stuck doggedly to this approach through-out the day Tuesday, as members of the Senate returned to their

home districts to test the political waters on their actions. "The American people over-

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whelmight support measures to create more jobs to get this econo-my moving again," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House press sec-But she added that there was no

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palatable compromise, many have begun accusing the White House of "line in the sand" against comproa victor's arrogance as well as a fundamental misunderstanding of mise. Senate politics. IT'S EASY

retary.

"This is ominous for a lot of other things," said an aide to a prominent Senate Democrat. "If the Republicans are in a positiou this early in his term to take on a guy who's just been elected, after their own guy had been resound-ingly rejected, that's oot a good sign for when the tough votes

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Does the Press Understand Hillary Clinton?

WASHINGTON - Confused about Hillary Rodham Clinton? Loving wife and mother? First hostess with the mostest? Dynamo

Loving whe and mouther trist notices with the above? Superwoman lawyer and health czar? All of the above? Well, you must be in the media. According to a discussion involving 40 journalists, political consultants and writers at the Freedom Forum, all women, the only people who do not understand Mrs. Clinton's juggling act are white men loath to give up power and

envious women reporters who write snotty stories. Marian Burros of The New York Times, one of the few reporters to have interviewed Mrs. Clinton, said a lot of women were "afraid" of somebody "that strong, that good, that powerful." Ms. Burros, who covers food and outrition, added, "I think there's an enormous amount of jealousy among my fellow reporters, who sometimes shock me with their response to her."

Leslie Milk, a writer with Washingtonian magazine, said, "I think a lot of editors still like stories about successful men and sick

women." The session, sponsored by Women, Men & Media, was filled with news organizations bashing news organizations and women bashing men and women. There was little serious consideration that the confusion may come from Mrs. Clinton herself, although that is the

confusion may come from Mra. Clinton herself, although that is the opinion of one participant who knows the Clintons well: Betsey Wright, President Clinton's former chief of staff. "We have to be sensitive to the fact that Hillary is also operating without precedent in many ways," said Ms. Wright, now with the Wexler Group. "My guess is that life is very confusing for her also." She is first lady, said Ms. Wright, but trying to expand that role in a way that is more consistent with her professional identity. (WP)

Quote / Unquote

President Clinton on the Senate Republicans' filibuster of his economic stimulus bill: "It means that for political purposes, they are willing to deny jobs to places like Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Cleveland and Seattle." (AP)

Away From Politics

• The Department of Justice has appealed the decision by a federal • The Department of Justice has appealed the decision by a federal judge in Los Angeles last June that declared unconstitutional the so-called decency standard, which required the National Endowment for the Arts to "take into consideration general standards of decen-cy" when awarding grants. The Bush administration had filed a notice of intent to appeal, but arts groups had generally believed that the election of Bill Clinton had effectively killed the issue.

• The lannching of the shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral, Florida, oo a mission to study the Earth's thinning ozone layer, was halted 11 seconds before fift-off. It was the second aborted launching in two weeks for the shuttle program.

· Pope John Pard II named Bishop Michael Sheehan of Lubbock, • rope Jonn rate is named bishop michael Sheenan of Lubbock, Texas, as administrator for the archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe's archbishop, Robert Sanchez, resigned last month after five women said they had sexual intercourse with him.

• Jurors in the Rodney King beating trial in Los Angeles are likely to start deliberating the fate of the four accused police officers next

• The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is ordering only a slight increase in fuel efficiency for 1995 light trucks. The agency announced a corporate average fuel economy standard at 20.6 miles a gallon for model year 1995 light trucks.

20.6 miles a gailon for model year 1995 light tracks. • Nearly 5,000 discrimination complaints have poured into federal agencies since the Americans With Disabilities Act first took effect in January 1992, with the bulk of claims coming from people who believe they were wrongly dismissed from a job, according to a report assessing the law's impact.

• Earth's Arctic tanks regions and northernmost forests are no • Earth's Arctic tanks regions and northernmost forests are no longer absorbing carbon dioxide but are instead releasing it into the atmosphere, possibly accelerating global warming, scientists from atmosphere possible accelerating global warming, scientists of cons of natural history. NYT. Revers, AP. WP. LAT

But Medicare ontlays continue to rise for many reasons, including an increase in the number of beneficiaries and greater use of costly

technology. Three of the five trustees are cabinet officers. The others are not government employees and are

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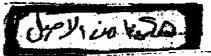
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Panic Time at Serbia's High-Rolling, Mystery, Lifeline Bank

Dafiment Bank's lucrative foreign opera-

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

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BELGRADE - Panic has set in among the depositors at Serbia's largest private bank, a mysterious institution run by a woman who has become known as the Balkan Rothschild and whose activities have been central to the survival of the hard-line Serbian government.

One man was shot and killed and four were wounded Monday by guards in the bank's central office as enormous lines of anxious depositors formed outside the bank's branches and chaos enveloped the headquarters. The shooting involved a dispute between recently dismissed security guards and their replacements, witsaid.

Despite repeated statements from Dafina Milanovic, a woman with a pronounced taste for large jewels, that her Dafiment Bank remained sound, it was clear from the shoot-out and the increasing turnult around the branches that a crisis is approaching that could have seri-

DETROIT - A prosecutor said

that he did not expect to file

charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian

for helping with the suicide of an

elderly man, despite the discovery

of a document indicating the man

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ous repercussions for Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia.

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Marlinga, said.

tions may be curbed. "Everybody is extremely worried." Mr. Milosevic has a deep interest allaying the panic: Miss Milanovic, 51, said Dejan Ilic, an engineering student an accountant who emerged from obscuwho was one of thousands attracted to rity at the beginning of the Balkan fightthe bank by very high interest rates. "She ing has become a power behind the Ser-bian president's throne. She founded can't last longer than another month. A bank spokeswoman, Salvica Vasicie, denied that collapse was imminent. "The Dafiment Bank in 1991. situation is rather chaotic right now, but

Nobody else, in the view of several the bank's situation is strong," she said. diplomats, has done as much as this dia-The panic has been caused by several mond-bedecked woman to soften the impact of Serbia's economically ruinous support of the Bosnian Serbs in their war with Croats and Muslims, or to finance the innumerable smuggling operations that have kept the Serbian economy The collapse last month of a much smaller private bank, Jugoskandic, Then, after withdrawals of about \$350 million in the last two weeks of March, sfloat.

Dafiment Bank limited each client's monthly withdrawals to 1,000 German marks (\$625) of interest - and said capi-

15 percent on deposits in dollars or marks, Dafiment Bank has cushioned Yugoslavia's economic disintegration under UN sanctions. The truncated Yugoslavia now comprises only Serbia and Montenegro.

Average monthly salaries run about \$20 a month in dinars, so a Dafiment deposit has amounted to a passport to snrvival.

Over the years, many Yugoslav fam-ilies have saved foreign currency earned abroad as a hedge against dinar inflation, and in the mid-1980s it was legal and popular to buy foreign exchange locally. Someone with \$1,000 in the bank could pick up \$150 a month in interest, enough to survive when exchanged for dinars at the spiraling black-market rate.

But Miss Milanovic is clearly operating no charity and has managed to make

By offering monthly interest of up to notoriously extravagant: She recently presented a new Mercedes-Benz to the doctor who delivered her daughter's haby. When depositors became nervous early last year, she summoned television crews to film safes piled with Swiss francs, marks and dollars - a stunt she has not repeated.

Her bank claims to have 14 million accounts, a number that exceeds Yugoslavia's population of 10.5 million. Western diplomats say the figure is credible. Beyond its financial support to mil-

lions of Serbs, Western analysts believe Dafiment Bank has played a wider role in supporting Mr. Milosevic, whom Miss Milanovic has described as "the real man that Serbs need."

To pay the remarkable interest rates she has offered over the last year, analysts believe Miss Milanovic has used enormous profits on currency-trading and smuggling. In effect, with the en-couragement of Mr. Milosovic, her bank has hared the large hard-currency holdings of Yugoslavs out of mattres finance the war effort. ses to

Sarajevo. An additional 2,500 Bos- ny that many here thought had tak-

of the Bosnian capital, the military authorities here say. That would produce a death toll of 11,000 for Sarajevo. The Bosnian committee estimates that 50,000 residents of the

city have been wounded, nearly 16,000 of them seriously. Most people are so demoralized that the little good news there is quickly discounted. That is the case

with the cease-fire that began nine days ago, the longest by far in a war in which "Serbian forces" and "cease-fire" seem almost a contradiction in terms.

Innumerable truce agreements signed by Serbian commanders have been broken virtually from the instant they took effect. Almost nobody believes that the UN military command, which negotiated the cease-fire, has any realistic hope of extending it for more than a week or two, much less of turning it into a lasting peace. Even if the war ended now it

would stand as one of the bloo liest chapters of the century in Europe, and many people here are still struggling to comprehend how the catastrophe began. atastrophe began. In the handful of bars and ka-

fanas, or cafes, that still operate in

is viewed much like an earthquake,

"We are Balkan people," those

SIEGE: Sarajevo's Year of Agony ethnic tolerance and a shared destisarajevo. An additional 2,500 Bos-nan soldiers have died in the siege of the Bosnian capital, the military postwar period was attributed to the Communist system imposed in a reconstituted Yugoslavia by Marshal Tito and to the Western liberal ideas that permeated the nation's consciousness through films, televiJ--ues

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sion and tourism. "Everything we believed in, all we thought we had created, has been washed away in a year," said Nadezde Jevdic, 72, a widow who spends her days alone in her apartment huddling beside a wood fire for warmth.

Bonn Coalition Faces Disarray **On Bosnia Issue**

Reuters BONN - Tensions within Chancellor Heimut Kohl's govern-

ment surfaced Tuesday as his junior partners debated whether to quit the coalition over Germany's policy on Bosnia.

Justice Minister Sabine Leatheusser-Schnatrenberger said her Free Democrats should consider the city center, the intense political leaving the 10-year-old coalition if the Constitutional Court refused to and historical debates of last spring rule on a suit pitting them against Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. and summer have given way to a weary resignation in which the war But other leading figures among

the Free Democrats said walking out would neither help the Bosnians nor bring Germany any closer to the new international role it has been struggling to define since uni-fication in 1990.



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"Her role has been enormous," a Western diplomat said. "If the bank goes un-der, and I think there's little doubt that it will because you can't go on paying out that kind of money, then the reality of inflation will really hit people and Milo-sevic will pay a price."

people die since June 1990. He was

charged with murder in his first three assisted suicides, but charges

were dropped because Michigan

had no law against the practice. A

ban enacted in February is now in

Finally, rumors of new United Nations sanctions that would freeze Serbian as-sets abroad led many to conclude that

rection of not issuing charges," the trash of a Kevorkian aide appeared pulled the document from the Macomb County prosecutor, Carl to say Mr. Gale twice told those trash.

with him to take the mask off, but it

did not try to stop the suicide. A

Mr. Marlinga said earlier that he was left in place the second time.

Mr. Gale died in February after

enormous profits. Regularly photographed in the compa-ny of Serbia's leading politicians, she is No Charges Expected for U.S. Doctor Who Aided Suicide BOSNIA: Double Setback for UN

ter the United States from seeking tougher sanctions, Reuters reported from Washington.

at a special session on Saturday. Under the agreement, Croatian forces will withdraw behind a 1992 Mr. Milosevic, in an interview with The Washington Post, praised cease-fire line they broke in Janu-Mr. Clinton's policies, saying "I

a natural phenomenon peculiar to the religious, ethnic and political fault lines that run through this part of southern Europe. But Mr. Clinton told reporters: "That was like the Iraqi charm offensive, He's just trying to head off tougher sanctions." Mr. Clinton was referring to kind words about

ary to reclaim sites they say are appreciate very much that the U.S. vital to the Croatian economy. ill not be the world policeman, to Serbs will return heavy weapons put everything in order in [its] own to UN control and ethnically mixed zones previously policed by view. the Serbs would come under the control of the UN Protection

Bonn Issues Tourist Warning **On Miami**

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Agence France-Pre BONN — The Foreign Ministry issued safety advice Tuesday for German tourists traveling to Flori-da, designating greater Miami a risk zone after the murder of three Germans there in the murder of three Germans there in the last five months

The ministry added that Miam's international airport and the districts of Liberty City, Overtown and Northwest Mizmi were particularly dangerous after dark, and advised tourists who rented cars, which have special number plates, 10 take great care.

A Blow to Tourism

Peter Applebome of The New York Times reported earlier from Mian

When Barbara Jensen Meller, a German tourist just off a plane from Berlin, headed toward the warm ocean breezes of Miami Beach in a rented car, she did not know just how close one of the most alluring places in America could be to the most hellis

Mrs. Jensen, 39, traveling with her two young children and her mother, became lost on the way to her hotel and found herself in a slum area just off Interstate 95. When her car was bumped by another, she got out to inspect the damage. The two men in the second car then robbed, beat and ran over her, leaving her dead. The police said they have no suspects.

It was the sixth murder of a foreign tourist in Florida since December and has sent tourism officials scrambling for ways to them and the \$28-billion-a-year industry, Florida's biggest, that depends on them

On Monday, Gunther Huck of Neustadt, Germany, and his fian-cee, Barbara Tarrach, were assaulted by two men as they picked up their rental car at an agency in Fort Landerdale. The men mied to goab Mr. Huck's purse, but he fought them off and they fled without it. Mr. Huck suffered injuries to his

hands but did not have to be hospitalized Also Monday, three Danish women were assaulted in Miam's. Overtown neighborhood when they took a wrong turn into the highcrime area as they drove their rent-al car from Miami airport to their Miami Beach hotel.

The attacks have underscored just how vulnerable foreigners can be in America. Last year 45 million forcign visitors spent \$72 billion in the United States and accounted for nearly all the national increase in tourism spending, according to the Travel Industry Association of

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CRASH IN GUATEMALA - A jetituer of the Salvadoran carrier TACA International Airlines

sitting amid the wreckage of two houses after it ran off a nurway on landing at Guatemala City's international airport Monday with 215 people aboard. Officials reported several dozen injuries. The Boeing 767-200 had taken off from San Salvador and was to have gone on to Los Angeles.

Cult Offers Hints, but No Movement

By William Claiborne Washington Past Service

WACO, Texas - Federal auhe said, does not observe Passover, thorities said they had lost faith in the cult leader David Koresh's re-

ported fixation with Passover as the event that would end the nearly six-week armed standoff here. But they said they may have to wait seven or eight days before trying any new tactic to end the siege.

Two of the Branch Davidians lawyers had predicted that the standoff may end after Passover which according to Jewish tradition began Monday evening and lasts for seven days.

But an FBI spokesman, Richard Swensen, said: "After Passover' can be an indefinite period of time. I don't have any faith whatsoever in any specific time frame that Da-vid has laid."

Mr. Swensen said be did not know whether, for the cultists, Passover lasts seven or eight days, and added, "We're frankly still up in the air as to even when Passover

begins to David." Mr. Swensen said federal negotiators probably would initiate talks with the Davidians during Pass-over, however long it lasts. But Mr. Zimmerman and Dick DeGuerin, the Houston attorney who repre-sents Mr. Koresh, said they would

Mrs. Jensea's husband, Chris-not return to the compound until an, who flew to Miami, said he called by the cultists when they are

group's Waco headquarters, said but believes that, during some fu-Mr. Koresh's group observes Pass-ture Passover week, the Destroying over until sunset April 12. His sect, he said, does not observe Passover, prelude to the return of Christ.

U.S. to Investigate **Cairo Terror Alerts**

three weeks before the blast, the

The American comments came

in response to an earlier assertion

hy President Mubarak that the at-

tack could have been prevented if

his country's warnings had been

heeded. While not directly disput-

ing Mr. Mubarak, the State De-

partment called attention to his

suggestion that the information

provided by Egypt related only generally to individuals in the

"As President Mubarak himself

had said. Egypt did not pass any

specific information on planned

acts of terrorism in the United

States in the context of those dis-

cussions," said Richard A. Bou-

cher, the State Department spokes-

Mr. Boucher's confirmation of

which Cairo may have sought to

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ic fundamentalists active in New

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WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton said Tuesday that he had ordered a thorough investiga-tioo to determine whether U.S. law made to FBI agents during a five-day meeting in Cairo less than

enforcement agencies could have prevented the bomhing of the World Trade Center on the basis of warnings from Egypt. Speaking at a joint press confer-ence with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Mr. Clinton ac-knowledged that Egyptian officials had passed on information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation about dangers posed by Muslim fundamentalists in the United States

The president said he could not yet say whether the Feb. 26 bombing that killed six people and in-jured more than 1,000 could have been averted. "I have ordered a complete review of what was told to us" by the Egyptians.

Suspects in the case are believed to have connections with fundamentalist Muslims in the United States. But no evidence has been presented that religious zeal was the main motivation.

talks between Egyptian and U.S. officials provided the clearest indi-cation to date of the extent to President Mubarak said the Egyptians had "no definite infor-mation on the World Trade Center" and that "no one knew beforehand that something would happen to the World Trade Center. Defithe most recent meeting, he said, FBI agents traveled to Cairo. nite information we haven't."

Mr. Boucher refused to discuss Mr. Clinton and Mr. Mubarak the details of the talks. But other administration officials said Egypwere asked about the case follow-ing the State Department's confirmation that Egyptian authorities had given the Americans repeated tian officials had expressed particular concern about Sheikh Omar warnings in the months before the Abdel Rahman and his followers, and said the FBI participation re-flected that a primary subject of the World Trade Ceoter bombing about an Islamic fundamentalist network in the United States.

meeting was the potential for ter-rorism in the United States. The State Department sought to

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AMERICAN TOPICS emphasize that Egypt had not re-layed information about specific planned acts of terrorism. A Gum You'll Want

The last of the warnings was The Kids to Chew

37 small experimental high schools this fall, each with a curriculum centered on a sepa-A new chewing gum that stops cavities instead of starting rate theme, from music to finance to community work. By them may be on the market as 1997 these schools, if success early as next year, and probably by 1996 at the latest. It was ful, will have a total enrollment of 25,000. They will open in existing school or college build-ings. Most of the new schools developed by Ming S. Tung, a chemist at the National Insti-tute of Standards at Gaitherswere developed in cooperation burg, Maryland. The key ingrewith unions, colleges, neighbor-hood groups and even some churches. Some educators and dient is calcium phosphate; the gum helps repair enamel before cavities develop.

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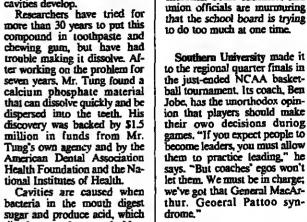
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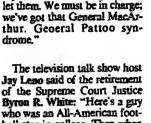
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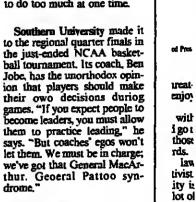
drome." dissolves tooth enamel. Normally, saliva contains enough calcium phosphate to repair the damage. Trouble occurs when

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was shocked both by the sheer vio- ready to leave. lence and by how little information. The Davidian Seventh-Day Adshe had been given when she rented the car.

ventists, a splinter group from which the Branch Davidians broke, "They just gave her a map ---issued a statement advising report oothing about the streets she ers here not to "expect or predict should avoid and nothing about the anything apocalyptic to tra bumping of cars or how not to get out of the car," he said. "We are not used to that kind of crime in Ger-during this Passover week. The De-stroying Angel will not pass over during this Passover week." Norman Archer, chairman of the

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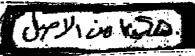


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China Blocks UN Action on Korea

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches UNITED NATIONS, New York — Fears of a Chinese veto scuttled plans Tuesday for a Security Council resolution demanding that North Korea rejoin the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

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Instead of a formal meeting to discuss a British-French-American draft resolution, the council set an informal, closed-door session to hear Hans Blix, the director of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Mr. Blix was scheduled to present a report on North Korea's refusal to allow inspections of two sites oorth of Pyongyang and its announcement on March 12 that it would withdraw from the treaty by June, North Korea is suspected of stockpiling ouclear weapons-grade material at the sites and of developing a secret ouclear weapons program.

The agency announced last week it was prepared to air its report before the Security Council, but China openly opposed any UN move against its neighbor, preferring instead that diplomacy continue its course.

China, which along with Britain, France, Russia and the United States holds veto rights in the Security Council, made it clear it was prepared to exercise its right even though the resolution has been stripped of any collective sanctions against North Korea.

A European diplomat said that the Security Council was doing its best to avoid a Chinese veto because it would send a "damaging political message aroood the world," saying effectively that any country could "safely drop out" of the treaty as long as it had the support of one of the permanent

The same diplomat admitted, however, that the council could not remain silent on what Yoshio Hatano, the Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, said was North Korea's "challenge to the entire system of nonproliferation."

Pyongyang's decision to with-draw from the treaty will become effective in early June, 90 days after Democratic Party. it was announced.

While international pressure is growing to have China drop its veto hreat, an agency delegation and a special representative of Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali could be sent to Pyongyang to defuse the crisis, diplomats said. (AFP. AP)

Technician Guilty In Radiation Case

The Associated Press

ZARAGOZA, Spain — A judge found a General Electric technician guilty Monday of negligence in connection with the deaths of 20 people who received radiatioo overdoses from a hospital cancertreatment device.

of Mr. Amendola were a new blow to the secretary of the Christian Jodge Maria José Gil sentenced Democrat Party, Mino Marinaz-zoli, who is struggling to keep it from falling apart over the scandal. the technician, Mariano Conte, to six months in prison and ordered him to pay at least 418 million pesetas (\$3.6 million) in compensa-tion to the victims and their fam-Christian Democrat deputy, Rosy Bindi, who is also a member of the ilics.

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The judge named General Elec-tric CGR Espana, S.A., responsible for the payments should Mr. Conte prove unable to pay. Tweaty-seven cancer patients received overdoses of radiation from the hospital's lincar accelerator over a 10-day period in December 1990. Twenty of those patients have since died.

Wider Net "For the younger people, it's a thrill for them to be here," he said. "But they don't understand what it

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was like to be ready to punch the ROME - The personal secre-tary of former Prime Minister Arbutton, and now to try to make Russians' lives better, to turn it naldo Forlani was arrested Tuesaround enough so it can't be turned day as a growing corruption around again. There are a lot of scandal sent more shock waves through Italy's dominant Christian assumptions in the West that the ball game is over. But it's not over."

Karen A. Woodbury, 50, the The secretary, Gaetano Amen-dola, was arrested a day after Mr. Forlani himself was outfied that he Russia, has been in and out of the organization for the last 15 years, was under investigation in the huge most recently in Mah. "When they bribery scandal that has now struck offered me Russia," she said, the heart of Italy's largest party. In the space of less than 10 hours almost hung up the phone."

Monday, magistrates in Milan and Rome issued official corruption She has been in Saratov since November, setting up with four American and 15 Russian staff warnings to Mr. Forlani, 67, and another former prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, 74. Mr. Anmembers. They provided volunteers a three-month language and dreotti is also being investigated for suspected links to the Mafia. culture course in a rest house of the SEPO company, a military behemoth now turning out more Sara- until last year. Both are members of parliament who cannot be tried unless their

In Italy Cast teers, is aware of the distance already traveled in the nascent Rus-

sian-American friendship, as well Corps, but for local anthorities," as the stakes involved. Ms. Woodbury said. She is aware that Russians were told that the Peace Corps, started by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 as another weapon in the

ideological struggle with the Soviet Union, was used to gather intelligence. "Some of the old guard would rather we not be here," she said, "but most people are very receptive. The volunteers range from Harry

Saratov to have it seen to. Langerman, 79, a retired businessman, to Asad Haroon, 29, of the San Francisco area, who emigrated from Pakistan at 17 and signed up for the Peace Corps a week after becoming a U.S. citizen. Sworn in on Feb. 13, they are expected to mother is a nurse and gives him an

work here for two years, but as volunteers they may leave when they like.

They have already been over-whelmed with Russian hospitality and curiosity, hardly surprising in a city that was closed to all foreigners

FUEL: From Plutonium Sword to Nuclear Plowshare? Mr. Amendola is suspected of having collected about 1.2 billion

(Continued from page 1) lire (\$750,000) in bribe money. ju-

a modular, high-temperature, gas-The latest notices and the arrest cooled, fission reactor that could burn weapons-grade phytonium, destroying up to 95 percent of the fuel and leaving the residue mired in a radioactive brew highly unat-tractive for turning back into bomb In the northern Venice region, a fuel. Unlike uranium, weaponsgrade plutonium cannot be easily diluted into reactor fuel but can be European Parliament, is leading a used directly in its concentrated form

Mrs. Bindi and other Christian The new reactor is seen as highly Democrats in the area are facing a efficient, turning about 50 percent of its generated heat into electriclandshide defeat to the separatist ity. Most commercial muclear pow-er plants have an efficiency of about 33 percent. The reactor's su-fuel element. Northern Leagues. To survive, she is demanding the formation of a new party, with a different name

perheated helium would directly turn a turbine to produce electricity, rather than heating an intermediary such as water to do that work.

world The reactor should take 10 years to design and build. Its designers say the machine is intrinsically safe because its physical characteristics make it immune to meltdown, the most feared reactor accident.

The key safety feature is that plutonium fuel, while not chemical-iy dilutable, is broken into billions of tiny bits, each of which is the size of a grain of salt and is covered

with a tough ceramic shell that can withstand unusually high tempera-

The new reactor is seen as the first of a new generation of small reactors that could be built not only in Russia but around the

Thomas B. Cochrane, a nuclear tory that kept turning out the same pecialist with the Natural Re- poor-quality ball bearings, filling specialist with the Natural Resources Defense Council, a private group in Washington, said it was likely the Clinton administration would move rapidly to back the reactor plan since the general idea. of using weapons-grade plutonium is currently being studied intensive-

lv He added that the idea had merit, but only if using plutonium from nuclear weapons could be done without spurring the growth of a commercial market

Prosecutors CORPS: In Russia, an American Volunteer Discovers It's Not Club Med JAPAN: tow-brand refrigerators than so-phisticated electronics. "The strong point is that the vol-unteers don't work for the Peace Corps, but for local authorities," Ms Woodbury seid a hostel in a former Communist spiritual development to it all, no Party training center and looking question. I didn't get all the credentials I've got to serve no one but myself. And advertising is the lead-

They are paid in rubles at roughing edge of the capitalist econoly the rate of a local employee; they are already struggling to cope with EN) It is difficult to scale down to a Russia's 25-percent-a-month inflaruble salary, she said, to general sighs of agreement. "But I haven't

Mr. Bennett, who has been eathad one minute of wondering if it ing a lot of Russian salami and eggs, has already cracked a tooth was a bad decision." on a chunk of bone, so he came to

Richard Gonzalez, an industrial quality engineer who worked for General Motors, ITT and Roper, "Well," he said, "I joined the Peace Corps, not Chib Med." David Robeck, 39, a banker who laughed and said he had second thoughts every second. "We're hv-ing vicariously through David" and his Russian family, said Mr. Gon-zalez, 30, who is from East Lansing, grew up "a preacher's kid in sin city," Las Vegas, has already moved in with a local family. The

Michigan. His sister worked with the Peace

evening massage. Kristina Gunnill, a New Yorker His sister worked with the reace Corps 10 years ago in Zaire; he came to a point in his career where "I got a lot of recruiting calls, but actually it was for the same old job, just a different city with a different actually it was for the same old job, ho worked for Young & Rubicam for 20 years, shook her head. "In the hostel we haven't had any heat or hot water for two days." Already advising local advertis-

His expertise is in much demand by Saratov's many foundering factories. "But everything here needs so much attention all at once," he said. "They've all got no raw mate-

rials, no product, no market and no clear idea what to build." He described a ball-bearing fac-

its warehouses, "just to keep people employed." They need to find a customer

with less exacting standards than the military, he said, "but they don't even have the ganges to mea-sure the bearings properly." Mr. Gonzalez threw up his

hands. "You know in America we say, 'It doesn't take a rocket scien-tist' Well, I'd never met one. Now I've met hundreds, and a lot of them are driving taxis."

annual summit of the wealthiest industrial nations, the Group of Seven, in July. But it has resisted providing substantial bilateral aid to Russia until the Russians return a group of bleak northern islands seized in World War II, which means that it has been hesitant about taking a leading role in shap-ing the Group of Seven's Russia

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policy. Mr. Watanabe, 69, was outspo-ken and had the political influence ken and had the political influence to press his viewpoint, but Mr. Muto is expected to be less visible or forceful. That is expected to mean that Japan will contribute to the aid program but will follow the United States' lead, as it generally has in the past.

Despite its hesitation, Japan has been worried about becoming iso-lated in the G-7, which includes the United States, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada, and so it so far has offered more than \$2.7 billion in aid to Russia

Mr. Watanabe was also deputy prime minister and was regarded as, prime manister and was regarded as, a sure candidate to succeed Mr. Miyazawa as prime minister until he fell ill last year and the whisper-ing about his health began. Mr. Watanabe entered the hospi-

tal last May for what was described as surgery for gall stones, but he stayed for 40 days, and has been in and out of the hospital ever since. Although he has been described at times as suffering from colds and fatigue, it has been widely removed and occasionally reported that he has cancer. It is common in Japan for cancer victims not to be told of their disease and for it to be de-

scribed exphanistically in public. With Mr. Watanabe out of the picture, Mr. Miyazawa has lost a leg of his power base, but there is also no obvious successor. That means he is unlikely to be toppled. soon, political analysts said.

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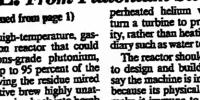
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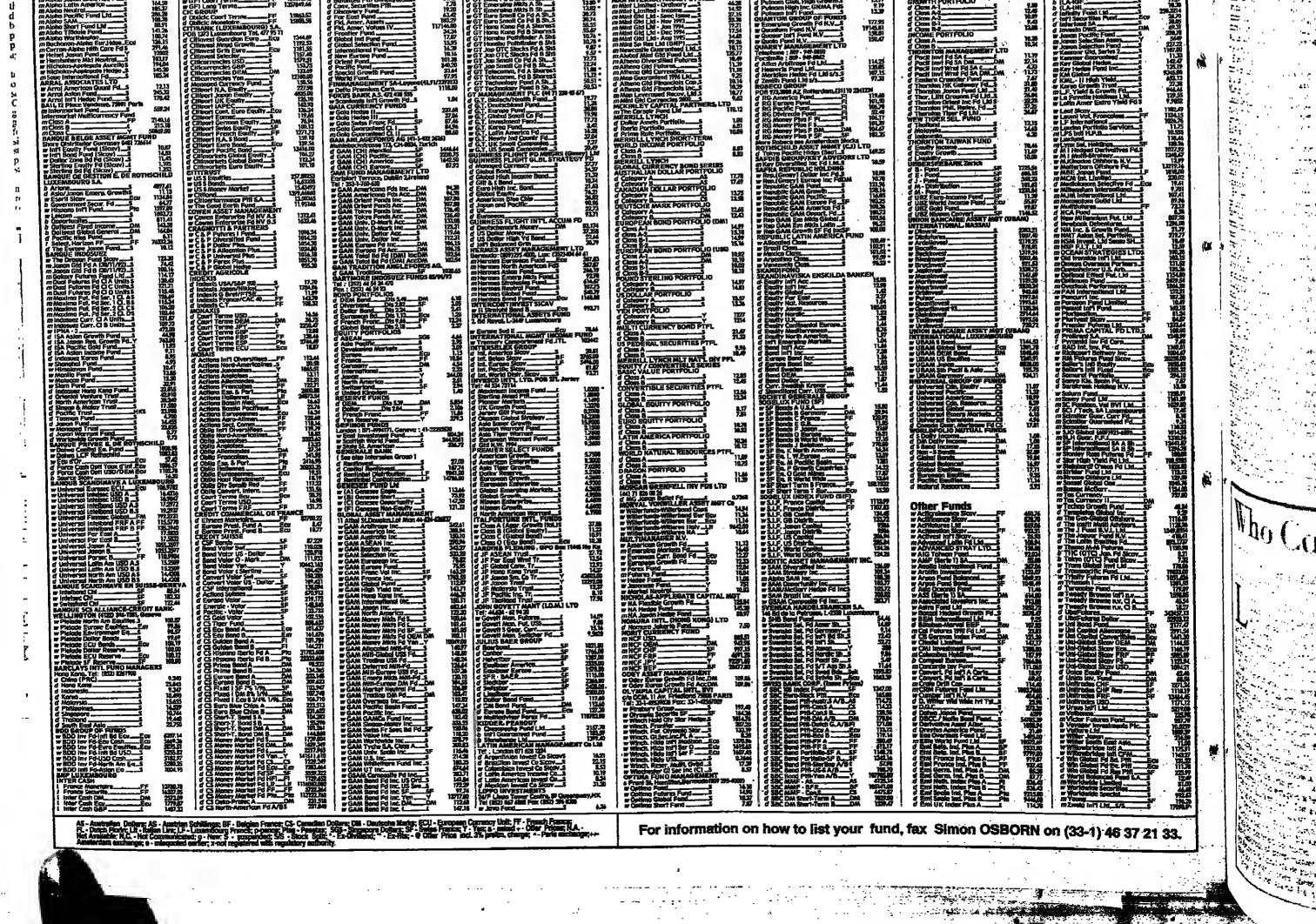
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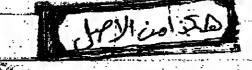
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Hollywood Comeuppance A City Toasts Basinger's Misfortune

By Kim Masters Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON -Deriving enjoyment from the misfortunes of others is an Olympic event in the movie business. Everyone feels a certain delight Everyone feels a certain delight when had things happen to bad people. And if you took a poll in Hollywood, Kim Basinger would be high on the list of people who generate the very least amount of sympathy in times of distress. So Hollywood got a nasty thrill a

couple of weeks ago when a jury ordered Basinger to pay \$8.9 million in damages to an independent producer after she bagged out of the movie "Boxing Helena." Nasty because people in "the industry" feel a little queasy when one of their own gets clobbered with a

huge judgment - particularly when someone is clobbered for engaging in commonplace behavior like backing out of a film.

But, in Basinger's case, the scales tipped away from sympathy. Many in Tinseltown were, in fact, happy to see Basinger get bashed. "Happy is a nice cheap exphemism," says a studio executive, "Jubilant. People threw parties. Champagne sales Were UD.

Basinger earned a place on the most-disliked list a few years ago when she dropped \$20 million to buy an entire town - Braselton, Georgia, which she said held fond memories of her sexual awakening as a teenager. But her unpopularity soared during filming of "The Mar-rying Man" for Disney, a debacle for all concerned. The studio let it be known that Basinger had made some extravagant demands: She required copious quantities of Evian water for washing her hair, accord-ing to press accounts, and wanted to shut down production so she could fly to Brazil to consult a psychic. Basinger's reputation, to sum up, isn't the best. "She's so hated it's unbelievable," says a studio execu-

tive. "Everyone thinks she's a pig with big hair." "Boying Helena" isn't the usual studio fare. It's about a brilliant surgeon who falls in love with a woman and amputates her limbs to keep her under his control. Basinger,

who came to fame in the S&M opus "9/2 Weeks," maintained that she backed out of "Boxing Helena" in part because she was uncomfortable

with certain nude scenes. But apparently nothing she did or said endeared her to the jury, or to anyone else. You could even detect an element of glee in the Daily Variety headline the day after the \$8.9

million decision: "'Helena' Costs Kim Ann and a Leg." Basinger's holk and the subse-quent litigation have evoked a wave of nostalgia in Hollywood for the days when the so-called handshake deal was bonored. "The fabric of may in the shone's community has trust in the show-hiz community has broken down," Variety lamented. The truth is, the phrase "fabric of trust" doesn't really belong in a sentence discussing "the show-biz community." The fabric of trust is one of Hollywood's favorite myths about itself - similar to the com-munity's belief that large contributions to charity somehow insure the donor against moral bankruptcy. A more accurate phrase would be "fabric of fear." Because that's the real glue that makes deals stick in

Hollywood. As one studio execu-tive put it, "If Kim Basinger pulled on a studio what she pulled on that independent producer, it would be a cold day in hell before she'd work

there again. Studios are, let's face it, powerful and vindictive." But, aside from the general insiders' giec about Basinger's plight, there was a sense among some executives, agents and lawyers that finally her horrible personality had

caught np with her. This sort of screen persona, the man-eating sex goddess, isn't new and isn't found only in film, of caught np with her. of "Psychiarry and the Cinema." of "Psychiarry and the Cinema." says: "Look at what's happening with Hillary Clinton. Look at the cover of Newsweek: "White Male

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Kim Basinger: People seem to love to hate her.

course. She's as old as the succebus,

particularly prevalent and particularly violent today as men cower in response to the apparent multiplying numbers of women in powerful positions. Glen Gabbard, director of the Menninger Clinic and author of "Psychiatry and the Cinema,"

Paranoia.' Men feel more threat, a medieval demon who had sex with sleeping men. As old as Delilah, the shearer of masculine locks. As old as Circe, who turned men into pigs. But this female archetype may be

male insecurities, in other words. m-Catharine MacKinnon, a law professor and anti-porn activisty's

uality is "a notion that women are to be available for sexual use" anyto-

ened and are more likely to enjoy the portrayal in this way." The sight of a sexy woman withus all four limbs amputated could go that long way toward soothing those in

agrees that Basinger's sexuality is "the target and trigger" for a lot of of hostility. Part of that particulaum-brand of male fantasy-inspired sex-00 time, any place, MacKinnon says. ise

Phat Farm: Clothes From a Rap Emperor

By Ian Fisher New York Times Service

EW YORK - Queen Latifah bought a \$135 canvas jacket from the Phat Farm on its first day of business last week. But the SoHo boutique hardly needed hip-hop credentials: This store of steel trees and street wear was created by Russell Simmons, the rap emperor-millionaire from Queens

No, what the Phat Farm really needed on its first day - 20 days behind schedule was organization (and a touch more attiwas organization (and a tooch abore and tude). "I want you guys to be really looking cool, looking hip," said a jittery Marc Ba-gutta, Simmons's partner, who is also the owner of the pricey Bagutta boutique on West Broadway. "I need you to look phat!"

tongue. But his three employees redeemed themselves by wearing Phat Farm clothes: thick booded sweatshirts, a canvas pullover, baggy jeans. Instant street smart? Perhaps.

Simmons himself did not show up, but the chaos reflected his business style — a frenet-ic, nonstop pulse-taking of what sells in the or, occasionally, a drug dealer) have an only multimillion-dollar world of hip-hop music. The question now is: Will his success in rap — his companies grossed \$40 million last year — be duplicated in clothes, aimed mostly at the same people who buy the records he momotes?

He feigns indifference, though he promotes his clothes with the same swagger that

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he does the rest of his wide-ranging business-es. "It's fun and I can afford to do it," said Simmons, 35, head of Rush Communications who launched the careers of Public Enemy, LL Cool J and Rum-DMC. "So if I lose a lot of money on it, I had fun. If I make money, I'll have even more fun."

With his line of 50 or so items, Simmons has decided to take a not-so-original tack, but one that diverges from the approach of other rap artists and hangers-on who have also introduced clothing for young hip-hoppers.

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from \$650 for a "butter" leather jacket to \$25 Though the biggest size on the Phat label is for one of many T-shirts with designs of dice, double extra large, the clothing is not exag- hoes, barns, cows and silos. There are also

\$70 hooded sweatshirts and \$50 khakis. The rural theme is meant to recall Ralph Lauren, and the store mascot, an angry bull named Money Moo, aims for the same apslightly big rear, not the super-sag sometimes seen on the L train. peal as the bulldog mascot of the Georgetown Hoyas.

The clothing — designed by two 22-year-old former skateboarding graffiti artists — borrows heavily from Ralph Lauren, the The store, at 129 Prince Street, cost \$175,000 to renovate and is elaborately spare. The front is the urban part and is Gap, Timberland and Tommy Hilfiger. These were, after all, the clothes that kids decorated with steel trees and green cement. The rear is a SoHo approximation of down bome, with a hut, carved rails and a shovel, from Brooklyn and the Bronx originally wore as they defined hip-hop style. The renovation was only one reason the Simmons goes out of his way to emphasize

that these are classic clothes and works to store opened three weeks late; a quarter of the clothes got delayed at the Canadian border distance his items from other lines aimed at and an unknown amount of stock was stolen. urban teens. "A lot of these clothes could be worn by a 60-year-old Jewish guy," he says.

"Hip-hop was black culture, and if you say, 'This is your colture and I'm repackaging it io you,' it's a slap in the face," said Alyasha Jibril Owerka-Moore, who designed the clothes with his friend Eli Morgan Gesner (both are untrained in fashion). "Why have refined sugar when you can have sugar cane?" The high-quality clothes range in price

Jeff Winter, 33, a commodities trader, was not impressed, saying he could get the same clothes at the Gap "for a lot less." But Don D'Allesio, 41, and Lori D'Alessio, 39, of Queens dropped about \$600. D'Alessio was amused to learn that Simmons was an owner of the store. D'Alessio owns three pet stores and maintains the fish tanks of Joe Simmons (of Run-DMC), Russell's brother.

But the store seemed to do a pretty brisk

siness for a dank Tuesday afternoon in

Turning Up the Burners A Ring of Witches, a Haunted Macbeth

> By Sheridan Morley national Henald Tribune

ONDON - At the National Theatre, on the Olivier stage, Richard Eyre's new "Mac-beth" is a showcase for the haunting, haunted talent of Alan Howard, though there is not a lot else going on unless you count a ring of flames that leap spectacularly to life whenever something wicked this way comes. As a stage effect and a witches' prophesy it sure beats a pricking of the

chorus lines, no show-stopping finale to send them out humming into the night. Instead a vastly complex double plot centered on Stine (Martin Smith), who writes Chandleresque thrillers in the California of the late 1940s, and Stone (Roger Allam), who is their fictional hero. Stine occupies the left-hand, full-color side of the stage, either at his typewriter or in combat with his studio boss about the rewrites. Stone occupies the right-hand, black-and-white side of the stage, acting out the gunshoe thiller that is being written and played before our eyes.

With me so far? Now, at times the two antiheroes

who began selling clothes, he said, because he dates a lot of models.

The word phat - New York street slang roughly meaning "the nitimate" - did not exactly roll off Bagutta's French-accented

What Happens to an Architect

SoHo.



thumbs, and as he gets older Howard comes more and more to resemble his late movie-star uncle, Leslie, who was also able to find a kind of distant poetry in every he he distant poetry in every role he played.

Elsewhere the casting is very thin, with Anastasia Hille looking as if she has just come to Lady Macbeth from a tour of The Re-Macbeth from a tour of The Re-luctant Debutante" and Malcolm black evening

played for some reason as a minor aristocrat ont of P. G. Wodehouse. With a star turn. played for some reason as a minor But Robin Bailey makes a superbly

would not have disgraced Lady Bracknell that the castle hath a pleasant seat, as if only wishing that someone would go find it for him.

Evre seems to think that this is a play about darkness and about 140 minutes without an interval. But his production seems not to be motivated by any other central ideas, and it lurches oddly from the suburban reality of Lady McDuff's kitchen to the supernatural mythology of the witches in their gas ring. Nothing much develops from the outset: Howard starts as evi as he means to get, and some eccentric diction all around means that the line "Screw your courage to the around means that the mile "Screw your courage to the sticking place" emerges as an attack on Macbeth's manhood in distinctly Brooklyn terms: "Screw your courage." All the same, this is a spectacularly black evening, focused on an old-fashioned barnstorming star turn from Howard.

At the Prince of Wales, "City of Angels" is an unusual urban delight, a huge musical put together by what must have seemed an unlikely this: the writer Larry Gelbart, Broadway's natural successor in caustic wit to George S. Kaufman but a man whose last musical triumph was one of Stephen Sondheim's first, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Fo-rum"; the director Michael Blakemore, who despite a distinguished career at the National and elsewhere had never staged a musical, and the composer Cy Cole-man, who alone of the trio had a long run of Broadway musical hits from "Barnum" to "Sweet Charity." Moreover, what they were planning had little to do with the usual expectations of a Broadway musical: no

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nemesis in Stine's fiction and Stone's bed. And that's even before it gets complicated. Where most musicals expect you to check your wits in at the cloakroom with your coat, this one expects you to sharpen them before you sit down. In that sense, it's the most intelligent and grown-up Broadway show in

querulous Duncan, arriving at the many a long season. But it's also a Macbeths in pitch darkness to announce in tones that joyous celebration of the old Hollywood, where all the would not have disgraced Lady Bracknell that the heroes looked like Bogart as Sam Spade, all the women were as sultry as Lauren Bacall and all the villains were as megalomanic as the movie mogul here who (wonderfully taken over the top by Henry Goodman) announces that "flashbacks are a thing of the past"

and "nothing was ever hurt by being improved. "City of Angels" is in every respect a rarity: It stars not a singer nor a dancer, but a director and a librettist who have brought very different talents into the studio setting. Blakenore is a genus of stage management ("Noises Off") and Gelbart a living history of Los Angeles since the war. What they have created is a company show for a least half-a-dozen principals, all of whom are primarily actors rather than hoofers, which simultaneously parodies and celebrates all the old Hollywood crime-caper movie traditions. They remind us both of how we were suckered by them all and of how

much we now miss them on the wide screen. The hyncist David Zippel is no less adept at the genre. A line like "What they write for the screen isn't right for the screen" is brave when designed for the ear alone, and a song about the old nepotistic studio system, which manages to rhyme "nephews" with "refuse," is one that would not have shamed Sond-heim. This is an immensely classy show, courageous enough to risk losing its andience in the labyrinth of the first-act plot only to retrieve it in the second half in good time for a stumning studio finale. "City of An-gels" is the best box of tricks in town, and it sets up a standard of 1940s Hollywood musicals that "Sunset Boulevard" will have to match.

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Jean-Marie Besset has fulfilled a promise with his latest play, "Ce qui arrive et ce qu'on at-which has opened at the tend."

The protagonist of the play, which can loosely be translated as "What Happens and What We Expoct," is a gifted young architect who has been invited to participate with three other candidates in a competition. Having worked abroad, the outsider is ignorant of bureaucratic manipulations and is bewildered hy the intrigues that

Besset's play holds the audience from start to finish with the suspense of a detective thriller, and the acting is of the best, with sterling performances from Marie-France Pisier, Samuel Labarthe, Sabine Haudepin, Christophe Malavoy

ates a defeated, crippled old man nagged by a shrewish wife, whose only consolation is the talent of his

son at piano. Part Two finds Terzielf as the son of the initial act grown to be 51 and now a concert Gaité-Montparnasse to acclaim. virtuoso, but still under the orders of

his demanding relatives as his unhappy father was. Françoise Bertin as the hlue-stocking who giggles over Jane Austen and Shelley won the Molière for supporting actress. Of the comodies that should please play-goers on the hunt for foud laughter and contagious nonsense, there is Jean-Loup Dabadic's

"Je ne suis pas un homme facile," an spring up about him. adaptation of Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song." It contains only two performers: Michel Leeb and

and François Caron.

Laurent Terzieff, who formed his own company some years ago, has enriched the French theater by importing interesting plays from abroad. "Another Time" by Ronald Harwood of Britain, adapted hy Dominique Hollier as "Temps Contre Temps," is a success at the Théâtre La Bruyère. The play re-ceived two Mohère awards (the equivalent of Broadway Tonys) on Monday might: best play in the pri-

vate theater and best director.

Who Controls Guns on Movie Sets?

everyone in our business."

The memory of a 1984 incident in which

the actor Jon-Erik Hexum playfully put a gun loaded with blanks to his head, fired it and

killed himself haunts most film sets. Produc-

ers and crew members say that any levity

with gams — even toy gams — is not tolerated. Maslansky recalls, "Once when an actor fired a blank in jest at my feet during the

By Carla Hall Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES -- Hollywood producers and technicians are stunned after the actor Brandon Lee's death last week on a North Carolina film. set, but even as they analyze what could have gone wrong, they emphasize that it's impossi-ble to have absointe control over a movie set. Talk to people who have worked on a movie someone," Barker said.

with guns - prop masters, weapons handlers, producers and cinematographers - and you hear a itany of safety procedures and itany bear a itany of safety procedures and rituals. But still, they acknowledge, things happen. The stuni coordinator Rick Barker remembers a Western he worked on in which guns with blanks had been checked and handed to actors and extras. Somehow a piece of gravel in my knowledge, as dramatically as this. There are techniques of handling weapons, loaded and unloaded, which are ingrained in had gotten inside one gun. "Anything that's in the barrel of the weapon when it's fired will come out." Barker said. The gun was fired — and the director got nicked in the forehead.

and the director got maked in the forehead. "There were literally hundreds of people who had weapons," said Barker of the movie, which he declined to name, "and we don't have hundreds of prop masters to hand those out. Once you hand those guns out, you don't have any control over them." Some of those asked for comment about

Lee's death responded with questions: Who was in charge of handing the gun that killed Lee to the actor Michael Massee, who fired it? making of a Western -I think I had dozed off or closed my eyes - the response by the crew or closed my eyes — the response by the crew and the other actors was overwhelmingly nega-tive." Maslansky has produced numerous movies involving at least some gamplay — from the "Police Academy" series to "Race With the Devil" to the just released "Cop and a Half." "Nobody messes with gons on the set," he says. "The presumption is always that they're loaded and they're lethal." The actor and marijal artist Steven Ito Was there a weapons specialist on the set? Was. it a union technical crew? (In fact it wasn't, and there have been rumors that the crew had blanks - to have been aimed directly at Lee. "Twe never fired a weapon directly at

The actor and martial artist Steven Ito worked with Lee on "Rapid Fire" and "Show-Others were equally mystified. "This is an aberration," said the producer Paul Mas-lansky, who met with Lee last year to discuss down in Little Tokyo" and remembers tight control of the guns on the sets. "There's a minimal amount of time that the gun is away from the actor, the prop master or the stunt person," he says. "It's never left lying around." a project that never got off the ground. "I've been doing this now 34 years — in well over 45 movies — and nothing has ever occurred,

HE prop master Gregory Wolf also keeps an eye out for careless han-dling. "I was on a set where I'd given an actor a little derninger. It was a prop in the movie. He was playing around with it, and he part it up to his tem-ple," said Wolf, who adds that the gun wasn't loaded with anything. "But that alone made me nervous, and I took it away from him." When live annunition is present, there are industry-wide guidelines mandating that it be stored separately from dummy rounds and blanks.

Terzieff plays two roles in his new who keep the audience roaring with vehicle. In its first helf he imperson-laughter.

A diverting novelty is a visit to the café-théâtre L'Athlétic in Neuilly, where a youthful troupe smartly directed by Sophie Guiter and Christopher Buchholz is play-ing two Chekhov farces: "Une Demande en Mariage" and "L'Ours" (The Proposal and The Bear).

Other winners of Molières included: Michel Aumont, best actor, for lonesco's "Macbett"; Edwige Feuillere, best actress, for her farewell performance, "Edwige Feuillère en soène": Jean-Pierre Sentier, best supporting actor, for "L'Eglise." Emmanuelle Laborit, a deaf and mute actress, was named revelation of the year for her performance in "Les Enfants du Silence," an adap-tation of Mark Medoff's "Children Evelyne Buyle - an energetic duo of a Lesser God."

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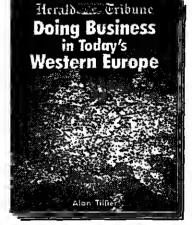
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To rescue the sinking Russian economy. three steps are now necessary - one to be taken by the world's rich democracies, the other two by the Russians themselves. The Vancouver meeting between Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin set the right tone for the emerging bargain, and it promised many kinds of useful aid. But the amounts of money pledged there are not nearly large enough to stabilize an industrial society that is still one of the world's largest.

The first step has to come at the meeting in Tokyo next week of the foreign and finance ministers of the seven wealthiest democracies. That is the point at which serious amounts of money will need to be put on the table, not only by the United States but also by Japan and the big European countries. Japan, in particular, which until now has declined to provide substantial aid because of a minor territorial dispute with the Russians, needs to consider its interests more carefully. The immediate requirement is to fight the inflation in Russia. now running somewhere around 25 percent a month and threatening a complete collapse of the currency. If it continues it will gravely

damage the prospect for democracy. The inflation is being caused by Russia's central bank, which has been lending without restraint to all comers but especially to the factories that have lost their customers and are running huge losses. To shut down these factories would mean soaring unemployment and great social distress. To stave

'Clinton's Package'

Stepping out from the large foreign poli-cy shadow of his predecessor, President Bill Clinton now assumes the risks, and courts the dividends, of embracing a Russian leader who is in deep polinical trouble at home. It is the right move - an unstinting bid to encourage the best possible outcome, even while beginning to hedge against the worst. "From here on in," President Boris Yelt-

sin declared at the closing press conference in Vancouver on Sunday, it is going to be called "Bill Clinton's economic package." Russia's premier democratic politician ap-preciated the large political bet that Mr. Clinton had just placed on him and on the future of Russian reform.

Support from Washington and other Western capitals can improve Mr. Yeltsin's prospects only at the margin. But with Russia's opposing forces closely balanced as the April 25 referendum nears, the margin may matter mightily. Mr. Clinton is right to mobilize all the Western support he can.

The \$1.6 billion package announced on Sunday is the first of two installments ex-pected from Washington. The second will consist of new congressional appropriations and, probably, changes in Cold War laws restricting Russian trade. A far larger, multinational effort will be unveiled when foreign

that off, the central bank keeps lending money it doesn't have. The remedy is to provide some hard currency. It is an offer that the seven democracies have an obligation to make, clearly and explicitly, at Tokyo. The next step is the Russian referendum 10 days after the Tokyo meeting. If President Yeltsin loses, the whole discussion of aid will have to start over again. But if he wins he will command renewed political strength that he can use to take step three ---curbing the central bank. At that point he could realistically begin to tighten credit fast and hard, because it would no longer threaten social disaster.

In the West there is fear that in the chaos of revolutionary Russia much of the aid would simply be stolen and end in Swiss bank accounts. That is a real danger, but it is not beyond solution. The money would be disbursed month by month, monitored by the donors to see that it went where it is supposed to.

The amounts required would be substan-tially more than the \$1.6 billion that Mr. Clinton offered last weekend. Too much to afford? Keep it in mind that even those billions would be far less than the cost to the United States of dealing with a desperate Russia that tried to save itself from economic collapse by reverting to despo-tism and reliance on military power. That outcome remains a possibility. It is up to the democracies to do what they can - now - to show the Russians that they have a better alternative.

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tentionally became bostage to obstructions by anti-reform elements in the Congress of

People's Deputies. As a result, much of the aid pledged by the Bush administration and other Western governments still remains undelivered. And much of what was delivered was not spent in ways that ordinary Russians could appreciate. Mr. Clinton made a virtue of these past

delays. His first installment is entirely based on already appropriated money, allowing speedy disbursement. He has also channeled this money in politically con-spicuous ways, for example into housing and training for demobilized military personnel, medical supplies for hospitals and food for needy mothers and children. Washington will also try to speed up spending under the Nunn-Lugar Act to help dismantle nuclear weapons.

Mr. Yeltsin's survival is the best assurance of America's interests. His enemies in the legislature have already made plain they would recklessly expand the money supply, purge reformist ministers and retain the Soviet-era constitution. In foreign policy, they would at a minimum press a more nationalist agenda, raising tensions with Ukraine, Georgis and the Baltic countries and chilling cooperation with the United States on issues from Bosnia to the Middle East. At worst they might drag their feet on arms control, raising global tensions and diverting some American resources from economic construction back into defense. Even in the worst case, of course, no one expects Cold War adventurism, five-year plans or Stalinist repression to return. Some clements of reform would probably survive, and probably warrant American encour-agement. Still, Mr. Clinton's package recognizes Mr. Yeltsin's special virtues -even as it acknowledges America's continuing interests should he fall.

N EW YORK - If you have any ideas about new options in Serbia and Bosnia, the president said on the phone after the summit talks, let me know. So I did.

The answer popped out: Mr. President, please get your administration and the Western allies to pay a lot more attention to Serbian democrats. They hate what their government is doing. Put your arm around them and let the world see, give them the legitimate aid they need to be heard at home and abroad. It won't end the war in Bosnia. But if the war does end, Western attention now to the democrats against Serbia's "ex"-Communist rulers might prevent the fight-

ing from starting all over again. I had been speaking from New York to a government official on Air Force One just after it

took off from Vancouver when the president walked into the compartment. He picked up the phone so I could ask about the summit. I do not want to hear another press complaint about lack of access to the president, not one more word! I asked what he and President Yeltsin had said

to each other about the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan. As long as that rejection stands, the peace negotiations are at a dead end; the killing goes on. President Clinton said that President Yeltsin

told him be would do everything he could in the week or so ahead to persuade the Serbs to change their mind. That will take courage. His enemies back the Serbs as brother Slavs and are beating him hard with that emotional stick. But Mr.

By A. M. Rosenthal

Let's Speak Up for the Democrats in Serbia

Clinton said he believed that Mr. Yeltsin would

carry out his word and try hard. Meanwhile, Mr. Clinton said, the United States will take a look at its options. I had been. told before Vancouver that they could include bin techter which that that that but yours a prove lifting the arms embargo against the Botaian Muslims and fiercely ughtening the sanctions against Belgrade — maybe cutting off interna-tional communications, a deep-freeze isolation.

There is no change in the Clinton policy of not sending U.S. ground troops except perhaps as peacekeeping forces, and that is not yet decided. peacekeeping forces, and that is not yet decided. Now, American latter-day hawks deride innit-ing military action to peacekeeping forces. They say it is presidential passivity. But they choose to ignore something obvious. If peacekeeping forces are sent, and I think that much will be essential, it carries the unavoidable risk of involving U.S. troops in fighting. If the Serbs break the peace, U.S. troops could find themselves not on peace-keeping patrol but in peace-restoring combat. For that reason alone, strengthering a Serbian democratic movement that would be opposed to

democratic movement that would be opposed to breaking the peace becomes an American securi-ty objective. And the movement exists. Last becamber it got 34 percent of the vote against President Slobodan Milosevic, who harassed and blanketed the opposition through election day. It was like getting 34 percent against Mussolini.

Free Trade With China Is Perilous for Free Trade

By Philip Bowring

Think of Lech Walesa and Vaclav Havel, I sug-gested. Without strong Western backing and day-to-day attention, could they have lived through communism, let alone moving from house arrest or jail to presidencies? They do not think so.

But for Serbian democrats, no public embrace. Since no one person is world famous, all are virtually ignored by foreign governments and press, neally perpetuating oblivion. When they needed a little help — a new television transmit-ter so they could be heard by voters outside Belgrade — the United States turned them down.

Receive them, Mr. President, get the secretary of state or the national security adviser to receive them - with photographers. Help them tell their story to the important American Serbian community. Mr. Milosevic reaches them all right,

through satellite broadcasts. The best speech of the U.S. presidential cam-paign, for me, was one in Milwankee by Mr. Clinton saying that in America's interest, sup-port for democratic movements would be basic to bis forcing policy.

to his foreign policy. He ought to make that kind of speech again soon, this time specifically about Serbia. It might shake up all Westerners who search out demo-crats everywhere in Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East, everywhere but Serbia.

I did not think to make that particular sugges-tion to Mr. Clinton. So I am putting it in writing now, just in case I happen not to be on the phone the next time he strolls through Air Force One. The New York Times.

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By Meir Rosenne

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N EW YORK - Parties to the Arab-Israeli talks, which are to resume soon in Washington, can de-rive some crucial lessons from the principles that led to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty 14 years ago.

• The underlying premise must be truly mutual: Since Israel is prepared to recognize the legitimacy of the Arab states, so the Arabs, like Anwar Sadat of Egypt, must demonstrate their m-conditional acceptance of level. or agypt, must occurate their the conditional acceptance of Israel's moral, legal and political legitimacy. This they can do by ending their belligerence and economic boycott.

. If Arab rulers intend to prepar their publics for peace with Israel, they will present a healthier image of Israel in their mass media, to replace anti-Semitic, anti-Zionist propaganda. • Since Israel has been the object

of violent hostility aimed at its eradi-cation, a gemine and durable peace must take full account of its profound security concerns.

• Peace cannot be imposed by a third party, nor will if stem from direct or indirect outside pressure. Although the United States played an essential role in the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations, it was not to impose conditions but to exert moral suasion; to act as catalyst and facilitator, not arbitrator or mediator.

• Peace can be reached through direct negotiations between sovereign and equal states.

• An agreement can only be based on the understanding that peace is necessary for both sides. The belief that Israel alone needs peace and that therefore it alone must pay a price for it is an insuperable obstacle to peace. The prevaiing principle must be equivalence. What we should be asking is, what price are the Arabs prepared to pay for peace? • Since it is Israel that would be

taking concrete risks, giving up assets vital to its security on the Golan Heights and the West Bank -- territory, defensive military installations, productive civilian communities -- in exchange for paper commitments, is-rael cannot afford to make mistakes. For all other powers, the Middle East issue is economic, strategic, diplomatic. For Israel, the issue is existence.

It would be a fantasy, for example to expect that a great coalition of nations, fielding an army of a half million, would ever be mobilized to save Iscael's life, as was the case with Kuwait. The principle therefore is hat my future peace agreement must. toosiy s Israeli-Egyptian treaty; • Underlying America's indispens-able role of honest broker in the negotiations that led to the Camp David peace accord was its longstanding support for Israel'a security and well-being. This special relation-ship, based on historical, moral and political factors --- shared democratic faith, values, institutions and aspirations - was understood by Sadat. For Israel to take great risks for peace will require a sense of psychological and pragmatic security based on assurances rooted in its relationship with America. Such a delicately balanced U.S. role would be a necessary element, understood by all partics, in safeguarding future Arab-Isracli peace agreements. America's singular position is all the more indispensable in view of the persistent anti-Israel bias displayed by the United Nations and the European Community -- both of which recently passed resolutions denooncing Israel's expulsion of the Islamic fundamentalists of Hamas, without mentioning the Hamas commitment to murder Jews as individuals and Israel as a state. Moreover, the rise of anti-Semi-tism in Europe, East and West, and in Russia --- in a climate of ethnic hatred and civil war - underscores Israci's mission as haven for Jews escaping repressive regimes, prejudicial policies and chaotic socioeconomic conditions, which have led invariably to discrimination and violence. Israel's vital imperative, therefore — in an age that has witnessed the unbearable burden of mass slaughter of Jews, with precious little outside intervention - is to remain a secure democratic bastion of political, eco-nomic and defensive vigor, for the sake of saving Jewish lives. This special moral mission, long since integrated into America's con-science and policy, is a crucial factor in Israel's security needs that must be taken account of in all future Arab-Israel peace agreements.

HONG KONG - The U.S.-Chi-nese trade issue involves more than those two countries plus Hong Kong, main channel of that trade. It now has so many ramifications that through the prices of key consumer goods the dispute is affecting every country that has an important trade in manufactured goods. Last year, China's total exports rose by 18 percent to \$85 billion. But re-exports through Hong Kong are the best measure of southern Chi-

with other Asian states in the GATT framework.

They rose by 28 percent; sales to an otherwise slow-growing U.S. market jumped by 38 percent, to \$18 billion. Growth is continuing this year at an only slightly reduced pace.

rapidly than exports in 1992 due to an investment boom by the state sector, not the much vaunted private sector. Japan's exporters of capital goods were the main beneficiary.

na's light manufactured exports.

Make China a separate issue and continue to deal

of cheap labor, cheap currency, low taxes and proximity to Hong Kong. China's export successes, partly stemming from competitive devaluation, are starting to be seen in Asia as

China's imports rose even more

China is Asia's fastest-growing market. But much of this is in inputs

to Chinese export processing plants whose end products go to the United States. East Asia's ultimate reliance on the U.S. market has not slipped as much as direct trade figures suggest. Meanwhile, Asian countries whose domestic markets for both currency and goods are far more open than China's are beginning to feel the pinch of investment slow-down as they are unable to compete with southern China's combination

na, or whether the West makes a separate issue of China so that it can continue to deal with other states in the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Research just published by Mor-gan Stanley shows that export prices of manufactured goods from Asia, other than Japan, have been falling in

from the combination of unrestricted

capital, unlimited cheap labor and import controls represented by Chi-

recent months, despite the weakness of the dollar and a slight pickup in the U.S. economy. Trade is dominated by consumer electronics, garments, toys and a host of labor-intensive miscellaneous items. If the price trend is sustained, it will further delay economic recovery in Earope and North America.

Secondary reasons for falling prices include the weakness of Eurowell as in North America and Europe pean demand and overinvestment, particularly by Japan, in new fac-tories in Southeast Asia, But the main as much in terms of job losses as of a bilateral trade opportunity. In deciding how to deal with Chifactor is China. It has capitalized on several advantages, including links with Hong Koog and Taiwan busina, President Bill Clinton will help determine whether the West ultinesses that have manufacturing and mately lashes out blindly at a number of East Asian nations to protect itself marketing expertise as well as invest-

ment capital. Thanks to America's issionary zeal to show China the benefits of free trade, Chinese goods have had liberal (and unreciprocated) access to the U.S. market. In addition, China has, since late

1989, pursued a policy of keeping its currency highly competitive, particu-larly against Asian neighbors, through periodic official devaluations. Chinese competitiveness has recent-

ly increased again due to a sharp fall in the yuan's value on the currency swap market, where exporters are allowed to trade part of their foreign exchange earnings. The swap rate against the dollar is now 40 percent lower than a year ago and the gap between swap and official rates has soared. One reason has been that domes-

tic inflation has caused the Chinese to hold on to foreign currency. But the inflation has been a lot less than the currency depreciation, giving exporters, who pay wages in yuan, fur-

global competition, Unless Beijing is quickly brought to obey some GATT rules, the effort to open up China to freer trade could end by inducing the greatest reaction. against free trade since the 1930s.

International Herald Tribune,

and finance ministers from the world's richest nations meet in Tokyo next week. Mr. Clinton's package is meant to help Mr. Yeltsin, but is designed in a way that could nurture elements of reform even if the reformist Russian president should fall. Mr. Clinton has prudently begun unbundling three separate American interests - markets, democracy and denuclearization. Previous aid packages made the transfer

.of funds largely contingent on economic reform. Money that might have helped woo key constituencies, like the military, unin-

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Don't Turn Off the Radios

The Clinton budget office has a flawed Iraq's secret police, and the State Departplan to save big bucks on international broadcasting. It would prematurely phase out taxpayer-supported Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, which broadcast to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. These stations are not the obsolete and duplicative enterprises that the plan presumes. They are central to President Bill Clinton's promise to nourish democracy in once-Communist lands, The rap on RFE and RL is that they are

Cold War operations with no post-Cold War purpose. But they have a purpose, not anti-Communist but pro-democranic.

Then they covered events within the listening countries, seeking to fill the huge information gap that local censorship created. Now they keep the local news honest. Although the new media no longer operate under communism, they still operate under heavy pressure. Lingering Communist habit on the left and assertive radical nationalism on the right threaten to sidetrack or reverse reform. Austerity in the old Eastern Europe and economic collapse in the Soviet Union double the vulnerability.

Let us do it, argues the Voice of America. After all, VOA has a straight-news mandate and competence. But VOA also has - and for perfectly good reason - a political mandate to "tell America's story" and to be an arm of official "public diplomacy." The two mandates conflict. Further, VOA is run directly by the U.S. government, and RFE and RL only indirectly - they report to an autonomous citizen board. RFE and RL pursue audience and credibility at a useful remove from official power. VOA speaks for and is immediately subject to official power. Recall - a worst case - the Amencan ambassador's pre-invasion grovel to Saddam Hussein after a VOA comment on

ment's subsequent rebuke of VOA. RFE and RL had spotty reputations in the

Cold War. Only when it ended did everyone learn how grateful their listeners had been. But supporting them now is not sentimental. It is a sensible response to the painful fragility of democracy in the old Soviet bloc. No doubt there is fat to be cut out of the two stations; their budget of \$220 million matches the VOA's. But there is lean to be preserved. The issue could yet be lost in what is s convulsive struggle of all the Cold War agen-cies not simply for turf and budget but for ion and survival in the new world of free-form diplomacy, economic stringency and technological change. The best course is to modernize - and save the radios.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Yerevan Is Dying

Recently, Yelena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov's widow, said that conditions in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, are like those in the besieged Leningrad of 1942. A blockade by Azerbaijan on the east, the sabotage of fuel lines through Georgia

on the northwest, and tacit complicity in these actions by Turkey on the southwest have placed Yerevan in a position as des-perate as that of Sarajevo. The city is dying.

The West may be on the verge of missing a train in Armenia that is like the one it missed in Bosnia. And at the rate things are deteriorating elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, we may be in the station for a long while.

- Los Angeles Times,

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S EOUL -South Korea appears to have put in place a new principle: separation of politics and business. It may not be as vital to democracy as the supremacy of elected leaders over the armed forces, but it is an important and unexpected result of the presidential election in December.

The principle may be among the most durable contributions of South Korea's richest man, Chung In Yung, founder of Hyundai, the largest busi-ness group in the country. Mr. Chung did not mean to establish the rule. He tried to do quite the opposite -buy the election.

But he failed so miscrably that he was in danger of sinking into complete By Donald Kirk

Lesson for Seoul: Politics and Business Don't Mix

disgrace in Korean eyes. He received resigned not only as leader of his only 16 percent of the vote after having persuaded his followers and most of Hyundai's 173,000 workers of a

messianic vision of victory. Zealous prosecutors then started sifting through records of Hyundai Heavy Industries, which in just 20 years under Mr. Chung had become the world's largest builder of merchant ships and offshore oil rigs. They came up with convincing evidence that the founder had used its accounts as a personal treasure trove

to further his political ambitions. Confronted with the evidence, he

party but as a party member. The humiliation of Mr. Chung at the hands of a governing establish-

ment that was clearly upset by his criticism of its economic policies is a cautionary tale, a warning to other leaders of South Korea's chaebol, or business conglomerates, not to try to buy political power.

It is a rebuke to a billionaire who believed that money could purchase votes as easily as it bought him pro-perties, technology and manpower. And it is a statement that business and politics do not necessarily mix

Vancouver Was Only a Beginning

By Stanley Fischer

C-The Vancouver summit meeting, the \$1.6 billion in assis-tance President Bill Clinton prom-ised President Boris Yeltsin and the get and bring inflation down to a level that will allow other reforms to proceed - they have to start receiving aid. This Catch-22 has to decision by 19 Western nations to give Russia 10 more years to pay off \$15 billion in debt coming due this be broken. The key is to start the aid program with direct assistance from Western governments but with looser conditions than the year form the first stage of a re-newed Western effort to support democratic reforms. But much more needs to be done, fast. To stabilize their economy, the

Russians will need direct financial assistance of \$12 billion a year for

The Russians will need additional direct aid, plus further debt relief.

the next two years, plus even for-ther debt relief, from the West. Large sums, mainly export cred-

its of the type that make up \$932 million of Mr. Clinton's package, have flowed to Russia in the last year. That aid, not tied to economic reform, has been totally ineffective. The Group of Seven industrialized

nations has to get it right when it meets in Tokyo this month to devise an overall aid program to help stabilize Russia's economy and currency. Crucial reforms are under way in Russia, especially in the privatization of state enterprises. Forty percent of all small enterprises have

applied to be privatized. New small ail businesses are springing up. There are nearly 200,000 private famis compared to fewer than 5.000 at the end of 1990.

These reforms are beginning to transform the coopointy. However, the successes in privatization are overshadowed by Russia's failures. With inflation running at 20 to 30 percent a month, the tuble plummeting, the budget deficit at 10 percent of the gross domestic product or more and the central bank murestrainedly dispensing credit, the West rightly fears economic aid

Package in hand, the West could would be wasted. meet with Russia's key economic The West will give the Russians policymakers to agree on measures needed to start the aid flowing. aid if they reform, but to reform successfully -- to balance the bud-

The essential requirement is for the central bank to rein in the growth of credit, which needs to be cut to 5 percent a month from 20 to 30 percent. Russia also needs to

to 30 percent. Russia also needs to agree on a budget deficit target and on the need to adhere to a single rate of exchange. The first stage of the \$12 billion program should start no later than May and last three months. If the Russians agreed to cut the growth of crefit, they should be given \$2.4 of credit, they should be given \$2.4 billion in cash at the rate of \$800 million a month. The \$2.4 billion, from the world-

wide network of donors, would take the form of long-term loans. During the three months, Russia would be expected to make significant pro-gress toward stabilizing the econo-my: that would be the condition for the program to continue.

Of course, Western technical assistance should remain an essential part of our aid effort.

Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin agreed that a coordinator should be appointed to head the Western aid program. This appointment would help ensure that the bilateral and multilateral assistance all focused

on supporting reform. Once the aid program got under way, the IMF should begin negotiations for its own program, one that specified relatively few important targets. Assistance should begin to largets. Assistance should begin to flow during the summer. The World Benk, which has already prepared major energy sector rehabilitation loans, should begin large-ecale oper-ations with the Russians at the same time. The European Bank for Re-construction and Development also ought to move rapidly by summer. If the aid effort failed, we would

at least be seen as actively support-ing democratic and market reforms. And if the aid effort succeededand a well-designed program would have a good chance of success — we

would all be better off.

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all that well, even in a cash society.

There is a downside. Prosecutors did not act against the abuses of big business until Mr. Chung challenged the political establishment head-on. What he did was not new. In rifling through the Hyundai files, investiga tors discovered a pattern of payoffs to bureaucrats for favors. Such payoffs have long been known to be common in South Korea. They are as dangerous and destructive as money politics in stifling healthy competition and the entrepreneurial spirit. Mr. Chang did have something to say. Much of his criticism of economic

policies was tough and to the point. The former president, Roh Tae Woo, lacked the economic vision of Mr. Chung's onctime ally, Park Chung Hee, who ran the country with an iron fist and an eye on fast industrial growth until his assassination in 1979. Kim Young Sam, once a political rebel and the target of Mr. Chung's most vituperative attacks, has bragged that he has never owned any

company stock. Yet it is this very lack of business experience that is prompting widespread doubts that Mr. Kim, as president, will have the skills to promote economic recovery, although he was elected with a decisive 42 percent of the vote,

Now that he is president, be may suggest that prosecutors go easy on Mr. Chung. The establishment may decide that he has done his penance decide that the has come insperamore by quitting his party posts and get-ting back to business. Prosecutors may also let up on the Hyundai exec-utives and party workers now in Jail

or under arrest. South Kores may have lost a con-structive voice. Mr. Chung might have known how to cut through the bureaucracy and graft that mired the economy. Unfortunately, he was as corrupt as the system he hated

The writer, who is preparing a book about Korean business, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Mormons Convene

SALT LAKE CTTY - The dedication commenced here to-day [April 6] of the immense Mormon Temple, the building of which has occupied forty years and has cost no less than five million dollars. Throngs of believers, many of whom have arrived from great distances, were present at the inaugural function. The dedication ceremonies will last a week

1918: Wilson: Press On

BALTIMORE -- On the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of America's entry into the war, President Wilson delivered an important speech at a meeting held here totant specta as a meeting man nere to-day [April 6]. "The young people of America," [Mr. Wilson said], "can be more sure than ever that this cause is then own cause, and should it happen that it be lost it would mean the loss of the place and mission of their own nation in the world. I take you as witness, my companyots, that at no

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moment in this terrible business have I judged Germany's objects with exaggeration. In the presence of such grave events, so decisive for the destiny of humanity throughout the world, I should be ashamed to speak with haste or to use feeble words of hate and vengeance."

1943: Royal Navy Hero

[From our New York edition:] Out of the sinking of the Canadian corvette Weyburn has come one of the wara great acts of individual heroism that of a Royal Navy surgeon lieuten-ant who disregarded his own broken legs to attend more than fifty injured and wounded scamen for more than twelve hours. The doctor was standing on the destroyer's deck helping the on the destroyer's deck heiping the -Weyburn survivors from the water and attending the wounded when there was a terrific under-water explo-sion. Both of the doctor's legs ware broken below the knee, and he was dazed for a few moments by the check. dazed for a few moments by the shock.

SOMEWHERE IN SCOTLAND ----

IMF normally imposes. Wisely, the IMF is discussing in novative means of advancing aid with fewer up-front conditions than usual; if its members accept its proposals, this would greatly increase the chance of success of the aid program. Then, as Russia pro-gressed toward stabilization, the IMF and World Bank could pro-

vide aid using standard procedures. As Mr. Climon made clear, significant economic assistance should

help keep the reform process on track. But the West has to put to-gether a genuine aid package. After the fiasco of the \$24 billion in aid pledged in April 1992, less than half of which was delivered - without

promoting reform - mere announcements of Western programs carry on political weight in Russia. The G-7 has to detail exactly what aid is available. Mr. Clinton set that

realism in motion by making clear in Vancouver that his \$1.6 billion pack-age would be drawn from money that also be drawn from money that already has been allocated. After the initial \$12 billion a year

for two years, Western aid can de-cline. The West should relieve Russia of the need to repay the remainder of its \$85 billion debt for five years.

When the time is nipe to stabilize the exchange rate, Russia should also have access to the \$6 billion stabilization fund available through the IMF. Of the \$12 billion, about half can come from international financial institutions and half directly from governments. The donor net

should be cast wide, to include the

Organization for Economic Cooper-ation and Development, Saudi Ara-bia and South Korea.

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OPINION

In Messy Ethnic Conflicts, **Caution Is the Best Policy**

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton came back from the Vancouver summit with President Boris Yeltsin expressing understandable plea-sure at the outcome of his first big venture on the international stage. With considerable skill, Mr. Clinton

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assembled a \$1.6 billion package of aid for the embattled reformer that was large enough to serve as a symbol of support but not so hefty as to make Mr. Yeltsin seem a U.S. dependent, U.S. farmers were pleased at the prospect of profits from the \$700 million in grain export subsidies in the deal, and members of Congress were relieved that Mr. Clinton found the money in the budget without asking them to vote for it. ÷.

But the good news of Vancouver was all but overshadowed by the announce-ment from Belgrade that Serbian nation-

Perhaps Clinton can find a Churchill to educate us

on the new tests we face.

alists had rejected the peace plan on which the Clinton administration, the Eu-ropean allies and the United Nations were relying to halt the fighting in Bosnia. The decision leaves the world community facing an awful choice between large scale military intervention or further slaughter of Muslim populations. My window on these developments

was a weekend conference on Mary-land's eastern shore of the Aspen Institute's strategy group, a continuing fo-rum of foreign policy experts, many of them veterans of past administrations, some recent recruits to Mr. Clinton's national security team. A few journalists were invited to eavesdrop on the discussions, with the proviso that none of the remarks be attributed.

It was, to put it mildly, a sobering always find agreeable. view of the challenges that lie ahead in Giving assistance directly to reformthis post-Cold War era of "ethnic confact and intervention," as the conference title put it. To hear genuinely thoughtful and experienced people arguing exactly opposing views on the wis-dom or folly of further military action in

But that is just the tip of the iceberg. What really came home to me was that President Clinton has the challenge of introducing Americans to a world of ethnic conflicts where most of us are utterly at sea. Perhaps he can find an allied leader who, like Winston Churchill with his "Iron Curtain" speech, can educate us on the nature of the new tests we face. But I don't know any likely candidate, so my guess is that Mr. Climton will have to do it mself --- after he has finished the formidable task of walking Americans through the intricacies of health care policy!

But, hey, he wanted to be president. The discussion of ethnic conflict at Wye Plantation bristled with references to "faraway places with strange sound-ing names," as the old song put it: Alto Adige, the Italian precedent for ethnic accommodation; Kosovo, where the roots of the present struggle trace back to the Serb-Ottoman battle of 1389; the (unjust) Trianon Treaty of 1919; the sectarian fighting in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, and dozens more,

The jargon makes you long for the simple old days of nuclear weapon throw-weights. There are UNPAs (United National Protected Areas) and their surrounding "pink zones." You almost need a translator.

One of the more accessible speakers said in his paper that "by extending diplomatic relations to Armenia but not to Azerbaijan, the United States has further alienated Baku from the West and increased the likelihood of violence in the Cancasus in the short run." Even the MacNeil-Lehrer andience, I suspect, would have to mull that proposition over for a while.

And we have not seen anything yet. Conferees agreed that the international security threat in the Yugoslav struggle is small change compared to the risk of a Russian-Ukrainian conflict, with nuclear weapons on both sides. Some think that the United States has blundered already the United States has bundered arready by putting nuclear disarmament at the top of its agenda with Ukraine, pethaps inadvertently seeding the notion in Kiev that the best way to keep the Americana interested is to keep their nukes. Others warned that it will not be long

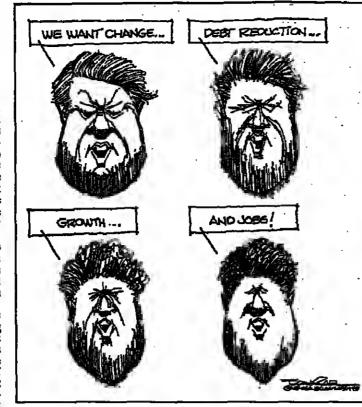
before the United States' efforts to aid Russia will force Washington to con-front the question of whether it wants to encourage the breakup of that vast country or have Moscow police its many internal ethnic and nationality conflicts - by means that Americans may not

nded Russian provincial leaders, as the United States is now beginning to do, will inevitably encourage their inde-pendence from Moscow. Pushing the Japanese to invest in the Russian Far East might yield another Manchukuo-

what once was Yugoslavia was to under-stand just how vexing that decision is for Mr. Clinton and other Western leaders. America had best proceed with great cantion in interjecting itself into these ethnic conflicts. Even if policymakers agreed on what to do, which they don't, a huge task of public education lies ahead before the American people can be expected to support large-scale economic aid, let alone military intervention.

The history of ethnic conflicts is that today's "solution" often inadvertently seeds tomorrow's bloodier conflict. For President Clinton, the P words, prudence and patience, are far preferable to the Q word, quagmire,

The Washington Post.



Inside of Denny, Golden Boy of the '50s

WASHINGTON - Next time the talk turns to the American gener-ation of the 1950s, which happens to be my own. Calvin Trillin's new book "Remembering Denny" will be part of it. The book has a double meaning for

me. The '50s were my salad days, and I knew and liked the gifted, engaging and scenningly cheerful Californian Denny Hansen, Yale graduate (class of '57) and Rhodes Scholar who is its subject.

Mr. Trillin, who was Mr. Hansen's Yale classmate, has taken a strikingly authentic look at the dreams and constraints of a generation, in some ways an in-between generation, born before World War II but too young to fight in it, yet very different from the "baby boomers" who are our younger siblings and children. As one of Denny's old friends ob-served, we "were demographically bles-sed ... white makes who were born in a baby bust draines the Demonstor and

baby bust during the Depression and came of age ... when the privileged po-sition of white males was so decay em-bedded in the structure of the society that we didn't even think much about it." Mr. Trillin knew Mr. Hansen much

better than I did. They belonged to the same senior society in college,

No Need to Worry About Haiti, 'Injustice Will Prevail'

By Herbert Gold

SAN FRANCISCO — A few Sundays ago, I sat over a long lunch in a hillside mansion above Port-au-Prince, looking over the endless mountains

and the wide blue bay. Drinks were served by silent black maids and waiters under trellises in a garden. Then we moved indoors for seafood salad, fresh vegetables, fine French wines, sweets

My host and the other guests were light-skinned Haitians, army officers, business people, professionals

Everyone without a gun wants Father Aristide back. Everyone with a gun wants to shoot him.

of the sort who traditionally have grown rich in Haiti and recently have grown even richer. One did a comic imitation of an arriviste trying to

drink from a cup with a saucer and thinking the sancer was used to transfer coffee from the cup to the mouth. The black servants appeared not to notice the laughter, they remain invisible to the elite.

In the 1950s, when I lived in Haiti, a government minister told me that with a servant nearby he could make love and find it no more embarrassing than having a dog or a cat in the room.

This class is unhurt by the United States' embargo. It earns money from smuggling. It buys what it needs. Embargoes do not apply to the profitable business of transporting drugs.

The conversation turned to politics, as it usually does in Haiti, where the government offers theater of the absurd for the few and oppression for the many. Over coffee back in the garden (sancers properly used), a kindly old gentleman with a fine-boned face listened silently. Suddenly be turned and whispered. "I very much want President Aristide to come back." The remark surprised me.

"So the very first day," he continued in his precise and cultured voice, "I can kill him, kill him." The previous afternoon, I had driven to the village of Petit-Goave, where builders were harmering away at the flottila being constructed on the besch. One jobless man said, "If God doesn't come back tomorrow, I sail to Miami." He believed that police informants were

boxes of American chocolates, French truffles, gift baskets of wine, cheese, goodies. What embargo? Before I left, the first contingent of United Nations and Organization of American States human rights observers arrived. They were unarmed, of course, young people with a mission to — observe. "The voyeurs are here," said a cheerful friend. The millionaires welcome these visitors. "Is it true they are being paid six or seven thousand dollars a month? I low will one will one they will drink they will listening and his life was at risk if he pronounced the dangerous name. By God he meant the exiled presi-dent, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide. I love ill They will eat, they will drink, they will spend. Wonderful for the economy!" The economy of the wealthy who crowd the Petion-He had gathered money for his passage. The boat builders make money. The captains of these death vessels make money. The bribe receivers among local ville restaurants is no worse than it was under the vitie restaurants is no worse than it was inner the Duvalier kleptocracy. Owning land, exploiting labor, stealing from the treasury or providing airstrips for drugs — it's all just money. History seems to be on their aide just because it always has been. The philosophy of government can be expressed as: Don't fix the roads (we have four-wheel drives); don't worry about security or an housest police force (we have private guards). Poking holes in the embar-tion of the roads (we have four-

officials make money. And if the boat people are stopped and returned, the police who confiscate the few dollars given them by the Red Cross or generous Americans make money. Amid the chaos, money is pouring through Haiti in

surprising quantities. Hundreds of millionaires live in Petionville, the cool and flowered suburb above Portau-Prince. Many are from the traditional mulatto clite; many are newly enriched.

Since I first arrived in Haiti 40 years ago, it has been a case of the same old same old — only worse for ordinary people. The tribe of profiteers grew under the Docs — Papa and Baby. It is expanding under the military-thug regime fronted by Marc Bazin, the suave former World Bank official.

The onetime Mr. Clean has surrendered to the dream of power, like so many. While his army backers trample human rights and the economy, the boat builders, drug runners, snugglers and military extor-tionists are joining the old millionaires. gans grow richer and those without gans look to the boats on the beach at Petit-Goave. At the party that Sunday, a man in an embroidered caftan — observant, sophisticated, smiling — said: "Do not worry so much, my friend. We are confident injustice will prevail."

The roads have gone from atrocious to nearly impassible, so the fashion has shifted from Jaguars and Mercedes to powerful Japanese four-wheel drives. The embargo means that soap comes from the Dominican Republic or France rather than the Unit-

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By Edwin M. Yeder Jr.

and their friendship continued. But like all the rest of us Mr. Trillin found himself battled when Mr. Hansen took his own life two years ago - and no less baffled by the dry portrait of Mr. Hansen that emerged from our old friend's academic colleagues at the me-morial service in Washington.

Mr. Trillin looked into the story, and soon uncovered more twists and convo-hutions than he had bargained on. For



some who had known the former Denny Hansen, the story of his decline and death became almost a paradigm for a generation. Was he one of the "golden boys" of the '50s, ultimately victimized by what someone called its "poisonous template," its overrigid personal and professional demande

The original Denny was an open-faced Californian with a "million-dollar smile," a fine history student and a competitive swimmer. Some thought his later troubles might have been root-ed in his earliest moment of fame, when

ed States. So what? The French make good soap. Anyway, before St. Valentine's Day a store near the

National Palace was filled with red heart-shaped

boxes of American chocolates, French truffles, gift

go offers another road to profit.

shoot him. While the standoff continu

What do the United Nations, the Organization of

African States and the new administration in Wash-

ington want? They say they want democracy and the return of Father Anistide. In Haiti, everyone without

a gun wants him back; everyone with a gan wants to

The writer is author most recently of "Bohemia: Where

Art, Angst, Love and Strong Coffee Meet." He contribut-ed this comment to The New York Times.

es, those with

Yale publicists chose him as the univer-sity's star graduate of 1957 and he was tracked by the famous Life magazine photographer Alfred Eisenstadt through commencement weekend. (As Mr. Trillin reminds us, Life was then the media equivalent of all three major television networks combined.) It was years later that this early chrys-

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alis burst, and from it emerged Roger D. Hansen, noted scholar of development economics, briefly a Carter administration National Security Council staff member, and professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced Interna-tional Studies in Washington.

As usual, the Who's Who stuff tells sadly little about what Denny Hansen sady fills about what being had appar-ently been in mental and physical an-guish, troubled by unrevealed self-doubts that rarely broke through the glowing surface.

Was it professional disappointment - achievement that fell short of some exalted mark? A family predisposition to clinical depression? An inadequate early family nurturing?

Failure to establish a secure sexual identity, or to find a life's partner? Intractable back pain in an athlete's body that had once been serviceable beyond the ordinary?

Mr. Trillin examines all the possibili-tics, in his quest for what transformed the radiant, mesomorphic, gregarious Denny we knew into the gaunt, anstere, angrily self-critical, censorious, with-drawn Roger D. Hansen who finally decided to take his life.

One of many admirable qualities of Calvin Trillin's book is that it avoids the patented formulas of "explanation." His instinct warns him that the human personality is largely impenctrable to theory.

My own feeling after reading "Ro-membering Denny" is that we of the '50s generation did make rigorous demands upon ourselves and upon one another, and that we are sometimes too dangerously reserved to look beneath the surface when an old friend seems suddenly

to grow distant or troubled. We were unquestionably privileged and slow to realize how unfair our favored position might seem to others. On the other hand - discount this as selfserving bias, if you like - we did hold ourselves to standards of self-discipline and professionalism that are possibly rarer in successor generations.

A "poisonous template"? Perhaps. But as Denny Hansen's good and valuable life proves, even in tragic brevity, that template was far from ignoble. Washington Post Writers Group.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxing Expatriates

It may be timely to remind read-ers of the trade balance's role in helping to reduce the U.S. federal · #0"

nal parties such as the Muslim and at best expedience (e.g. "The League and choosing candidates sad fact of racial tension would purely on communal or caste con-siderations. while for many, the present opposiwhile for many, the present opposi-BJP does oot believe in destruc- tion to gays in the military comes

How do you call a foreign country when you're already in one?

deficit, and of expatriate Americans contribution to this end. In times of revenue increases, overseas Amen-

cans make tempting tax targets. I make a lot by U.S. standards, but even after the \$70,000 income exclusion for U.S. taxes I just make ends meet while attempting to pro-vide my family a minimally "American quality" standard of living with modest savings for education and retirement.

Studies made here by Peat Mar-wick and Price Waterbouse show that it costs U.S. companies about \$310,000 in housing, transportation, services and salary to keep each expatriate employee from giving up and going home. European or Japanese expatnates are not required to pay income taxes to their governments and are therefore cheaper to employ. Unfortunately for U.S. trade, they also tend to specify European or Japanese goods for their projects. This was the reasoning be-hind the 1980 expatriate income exclusion, and a review of the trade figures before and after that date ar this wisdom out.

Last year I played a large role in a project that will require \$153 milion of capital investment, much of it for American equipment and projects. Over the last few years I have played major parts on many such projects. I am not a major international entrepreneur. I am a A Defective Analogy contract engineer. If my "contribution" is deemed

to be not enough, I may have to give up and take my chances in the economy at home, where my taxes will help educate my own child, 1 can buy a cheap car and burn cheap gas, and, if I am lucky, maybe even displace someone for a job. I understand I may even qualify for federal retraining benefits. STEPHEN T. JACOBS.

Jakarta.

Pluralism in India

Regarding "India at the Edge" (Editorial, Feb. 25):

The Bharatiya Janata Party is not a communal party, nor is it radical or fundamentalist or nonsecular. It is well to remember that India is secular not because of Nehru or his likes but because India is 80 percent Hindu. For thousands of years, Hindu India has wel-comed Jews, Christians, Muslims, Parsis, Baha'is and others. Secularism and pluralism are inherent in Hinduism. In fact Hinduism is a pluralist religion itself. Hindus believe that God is one but has thousands of names and there are infinite ways to achieve spirituality. Thus Hinduism has no problem in accommodating other faiths.

The secularism which the Congress (1) Party has practiced is based on communalism, unabashedly making alliances with commu-

tion of mosques. There are thousands of mosques in India that have not been touched. About the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque: It should not be forgotten that this mosque had been func-tioning as a Hindu temple; there had been no Muslim worship there for more than 40 years. On the other hand, thousands of

Hindu temples were destroyed by Muslim invaders and mosques were built over the sites. There is a strong movement to build Hindu temples at three of these sites. These are in Ayodhya and Mathura, the birthplaces of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna respectively, and Benares, all of which are especially holy to Hindus, as Mecca and Medina are to Muslims. BJP supports this ment not because it is anti-Muslim but because these sites have special significance for Hindus. BJP is a secular party. Its leader

in Rajya Sabhs (the upper house of parliament) is a Muslim, Sizandar Bhakt. It is well to remember that it is because of Nehru socialism that India continues to be one of the poorest, and the most illiterate and backward countries in the world. The BJP will change all that. V. G. BHATIA. New Delbi.

tion

Regarding the report "Some Pio-neers of the Race-Integrated Mili-tary Draw the Line at Gay Integra-" (Feb. 17) by Lynne Duke: Ms. Duke's article implies that anyone sympathetic to the civil lib-erties of blacks ought to be sympa-thetic to the plight of gays who want to serve in the military. The situations, she seems to say, are analogous: In each case the rights of a minority are trampled by a system fraught with ignorance and bigotry. Those who have suffered, and triumphed over, such persecution ought to be the staunchest supporters of the latest victims. Blacks in the military who oppose gays in the military are guilty of a hypocritical dou-

ble standard tantamount to beirayal of their own cause. must see and be seen. Again, who can argue with the French? The argument sounds logical, but it is not. The two situations are not analogous, and a person may, with perfect moral integrity, defen the one and abhor the other. Contrary to the assumptions of

vocal gay-rights advocates, not all those who oppose homosexuality do so out of phobia, prejudice, hatefulness or fanaticism. Sadly, these do sometimes come into play, and whenever they do, they ought to be most assiduously resisted, as unworthy of enlightened and ma-

ture human beings. But these are not the only causes of protest. The reasons for segregating black troops were at worst bigotry

that homosexuality (whether innate or acquired) is a distortion of human sexuality and a degradation of persona. These people intuitively sense (even if they cannot persoasively argue) that there is oo true stency in defending the absolute equality of all human beings, while at the same time opposing the collapse of public morality. They will continue to resist, some at great personal cost, what they recognize would be severely destructive to the nation they have faithfully and courageously served.

from a profound moral conviction

KATHLEEN Van SCHALIK. Gaming, Austria.

Something in the Air

Bless the French. The law that mandates nonsmoking sections in all restaurants and bars in France became effective late last year. There have been virtually no com plaints. However, the ways in which the law is followed are amusing even to an ardent nonsmoker with a pas-sion for clean air. Consider:

A bar in a lovely town in central France has homemade paper signs on nearly every table which declare them to be smokers' tables. The few where smoking is not allowed are of course way in the back, in the worst

possible location. Another restaurant nearby has two tables at the entrance that are

nated as nonsmoking. A request to be seated there brought marmuning and head-shaking and a statement to the effect that "but of course you'd rather sit here at the window even though it's the smok-ing section; not that many people will be smoking anyway." Needless to say, many people were smoking, but who would be so foolish as to argue with the management when hunger is peaking and the fragrances from the kitchen are so divine? Finally, the best tale of all: The maître d' in a crowded Parisian restaurant, when asked if there was nonsmoking section, replied, "Oui, madame, but it's empty." The table in the smoking section was accepted — after all, in Paris one

CINDY C. EMMANS. Nussloch, Germany. A Sin Tax on Fat

Regarding the report "For Mar-gurine Eaters, Another Stice of Bad News on Risks" (March 6):

As for tobacco and liquor, high taxes should be imposed on fatty foods. If "sin taxes" allow "sinners to contribute toward health-care costs they cause, then why not a hefty tax on fat, perhaps even a warning label on every peck of butter?

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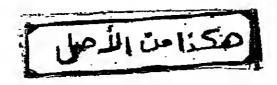
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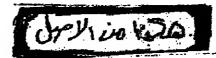
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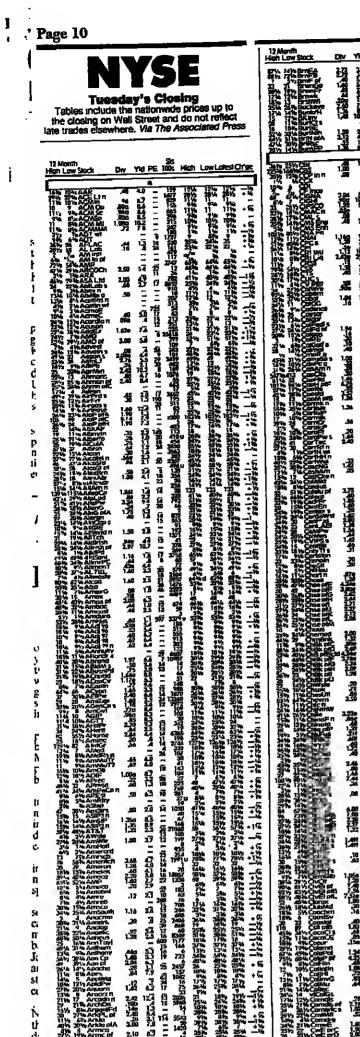


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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher LONDON ---Oil prices softened on Tuesday when Kuwait renewed a threat that it might when Kuwait renewed a threat that it might ignore its production quota if others continued to violate OPEC-assigned limits. In London, May futures for the world bench-mark Brent Blend of crude oil slid below \$19 per barrel, which is seen as an important psy-chological level. The price of Brent for May delivery was almost 20 cents lower at \$18.88 a barrel on the London International Petroleum Exchange, down from \$19.06 on Monday.

delivery was almost 20 cents lower at \$18.88 a barrel on the London International Petroleum Exchange, down from \$19.06 on Monday. On the New York Marcantile Exchange, light sweet crude for May delivery fell 32 cents a barrel to \$20.30. Oil Minister Ali Ahmed al-Baghli of Kuwaii wrote to the OPEC president, Alirio Parra of Venezuela, saying that if quota violations did not stop he might ignore his country's quota. "We find it totally unacceptable that other member countries benefit from our painful sac rifice by increasing their production beyond their allocated production," Mr. Baghli said in the letter. "Consequently, Knwait will not be obligated to adhere to its production allocation if such violations continue," the minister said. Later, however, a top Kuwaiti Oil Ministry official said that the emirate would abide by its quota "unless something major happens." The official, who asked not to be named, pointed out that under an agreement reached by OPEC in February, "we have been promised an in-

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crease in our quota at the beginning of July." The remarks came as the International Ener-gy Agency turned in its latest estimates on March crude-oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Roughly in line with other monitors, the Paris-based oil monitor found OPEC produced 24.35 million barrels daily.

barrels daily. This is down by around 1.15 million from February but it is some 770,000 above OPEC's official ceiling, and traders look for deeper cuts

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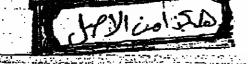
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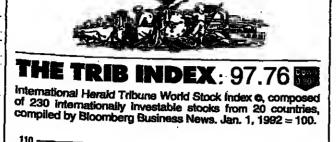
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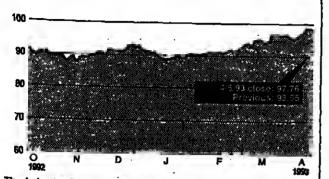


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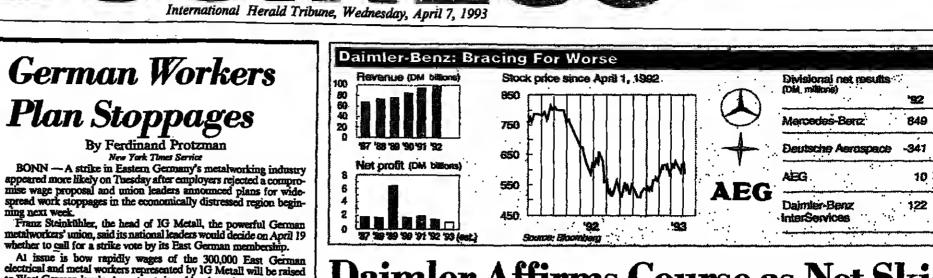


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Daimler Affirms Course as Net Skids

By Brandon Mitchener tional Herald Tribune STUTTGART - As Germany's biggest company and the world's 10th largest industrial conglomerate, Daimler-Benz AG is often cited as a classic case of what has gone wrong with

German competitiveness. Its Mercedes-Benz car and truck division, once the envy of many a competitor, has been reduced by neglect to an inefficient producer of huxury cars whose flagship model is so expensive that some German managers are embar-rassed to drive it. At the same time, Mercedes

sification program that has yet to produce the promised results. Last year, according to figures released Tuesday, Daimler's operating profit, excluding fi-nancial results, fell 59 percent to 1 billion Deut-

sche marks (\$625 million), despite a 2 percent increase in group sales to 98.5 billion DM. Net profil fell 25 percent to 1.45 billion DM. Mercedes, which accounted for 60 percent of the Daimler group payroll and 66 percent of revenue, was still the source of 95 percent of group profit.

was milked for years to finance a massive divercontinue on the course it has set because, contrary to all the dire predictions of the pessimists, our company is on the right strategic

This year, sales are expected to stagnate below 100 billion DM, and net profil is forecast to fall a further 25 percent to 30 percent, Group sales were down 25 percent to 50 percent, Group sales were down 25 percent in the first quarter. Nevertheless, Chairman Edzard Reuter, the man behind the company's transformation from a highly profitable carmaker to a barely profitable global technology and transporta-tion concern, said, "Daimler-Benz is going to continue on the correct is the set here are been to be a set of the s

And in fact, many analysts, while not necessarily wishing Daimler's expansive ambitions on the rest of German industry, do agree that the Reuter philosophy seems to be working in Daimler's case, despite the company's humbling results.

They are also encouraged by the company's increasingly aggressive cost-cutting and its management restructuring and globalization of production, which they say will make the company more flexible and efficient. About 14,700 jobs are expected to be cut this year. Mr. Renter "was right to say that the anto-

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mobile business alone can no longer promise satisfying margins," said Hans Hartmann, an equities analyst at Dresdner International Advisers, noting that all automakers are facing tougher competition. "If they didn't have Deut-See DAIMLER, Page 13

France Wants Trade Peace With U.S.

By Barry James

offer Monday night.

By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service

to West German levels. A contract signed by the union and employ-ers in March 1991 calls for a 26 percent pay increase this month, which would bring the metal and electrical workers in the East up to

which would bring the metal and electrical workers in the East up to 82 percent of West German pay levels. Employers reveged on that deal in March, citing the recession in Western Germany, the severe economic slump in the former East Germany and its low productivity levels, which are 70 percent below those in the West. Many companies said they would go out of business if they had to adhere to the agreement.

The metal industry employers' federation offered a 9 percent pay increase for this year, which the union has rejected. Built warning strikes by tens of thousands of 1G Metall's Eastern members began last Thursday but they were suspended Tuesday until after Easter. Union officials said they would be expanded to cover all of Eastern Germany after the holiday.

It appeared that a compromise solution mediated over the week-

end by Kurt Biedenkopf, the premier of Eastern Germany's Saxony

state, had resolved the impasse by giving workers the 26 percent increase this year, but delaying the next raise until January 1995. But the national and state employers' associations rejected the

onal Herald Tribune Intern PARIS - In the first indication that France's new center-right administration will take a softer line in international trade talks than it promised during its election campaign, the government said Tuesday that Foreign Minister Alan Juppé had been told to seek "trade peace" with the United States.

The announcement prompted a militant farmers' group to accuse the government of a sell-out.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and senior cabinet members set a schedule for putting a new French position on the explosive farm-trade issue to the European Community by the beginning of June. A spokesman for the prime minister said Mr. Juppé had been instructed "to reach a trade peace with the United States." At a meeting of European foreign ministers in Luxembourg on Monday, officials bailed the reasonableness of the French position, despite campaign promises by the center-right to back the farmers in rejecting a world trade agree-ment under the anspices of the General Agree-

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ment on Tariffs and Trade. The EC trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, called the French

stance "very moderate." Coordination Rurale, a militant group set up in December 1991 to fight proposed reforms in the Community's Common Agricultural Policy, accused the government of reneging on its elec-

tion promises. The new government has stabbed us in the back," its secretary general, Philippe Arnaud, told Reuters. "Those who courted us during the

campaign are ignoring us today." Coordination Rurale was not invited to a meeting between Mr. Balladur and the leaders of farmers unions on Tuesday to explain the government's position.

Although the GATT agreement is likely to stimulate world trade, it would require sacrifices from the farm sector in France, the world's second-largest agricultural exporter af-ter the United States.

The agreement reached by European and U.S. negotiators in November and since blocked by France calls for deep cuts in the subsidies that are paid to make European farm products com-

petitive with the lower world prices. It would also require the French to limit the area of land given over to oilseed production, which directly competes with U.S. products.

Despite the sacrifices, France's 11 EC partners favored accepting the agreement in the interests of broader trade benefits, France alone blocked it. Although the center-right threatened to provoke a crisis within the Community by vetoing the pact, Mr. Juppe toned down the rhetoric in Luxembourg. He said that the defense of French farmers did not necessarily have to end in an international trade crisis. Mr. Balladur's office stressed on Tuesday that agriculture was just one part of the trade Mr. Juppé repeated on Monday, however, that

there could be no question of Prance's accepting farm sacrifices that went beyond the 1992 reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The overhanl marked a big step in the direction sought by the United States because it moved toward direct revenue support for farmers and away from price support, which encourages overproduction.

Clinton Said to Seek Fast-Track Renewal

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WASHINGTON --- President Bill Clinton will ask Congress for 10 more months of special negotiating authority in an attempt to conclude a deal in the stalled talks to liberalize world trade, Germany's economics minister, Günter Retrodt, said on Tuesday. Mr. Retrodt said that Mr. Clinton would ask Congress to give him

ontil Dec. 15 to negotiate the GATT talks under the so-called fasttrack authority. Fast-track gives Congress up to four mouths to vote for or against any trade agreement negotiated by the president, but rules out any amendments to modify the deal he has concluded. "We are all under pressure to finalize the discussions," he said,

"December 15 - that's a new date." Mr. Clinton has previously said he wanted to conclude the multinational round of talks this year.

The president's special negotiating authority will expire in June

and must be renewed by Congress if Mr. Clinton is to pursue negotiations in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; the talks are at an impasse. Mr. Reprodu spoke after his first meetings with officials of the Clinton administration, which reportedly offered assurances that the United States was keen to clinch a GATT agreement. (Reuters, AFP)

By Michael Richardson mational Herald Tribune

S INGAPORE — Business Times, the main financial newspa-per in Singapore, has large regional ambitions. Early this year, the paper started putting a new motio on its masthead: "We know Asia." Business Times also told readers that it aimed to be Asia's leading business daily by the year 2000.

The paper has already made impressive strides to enlarge its coverage of regional affairs. But there is a long way to go before it can claim to be a publication

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throughout Asia. Of about 26,500 paid sales, only about 1,000 are in regional Western domination of markets outside Singapore, mainly in Jakarta and Hong its media.

Kong. By contrast, The Asian Wall Street Journal, published since 1976 by Dow Jones & Co. of the United States, has an audited circulation of more than 39,000 copies in Asia and the Pacific, and it prints in Hong Kong,

copies in Asia and the Pacific, and it prints in Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo via satellite. Yet media analysts are closely watching the attempt by the English-language Business Times to establish a regional presence because they see it as part of a wider Asian effort, encouraged by Singapore and some other governments in the region, to balance or reduce the influence of Western media.

George Yeo, Singapore's minister for information and the arts, has said that Western domination of the media will be temporary because cultural power is based on political and economic power. In 25 years, he said, the combined gross national product of East Asia will be larger than that of all of Enrope, and twice that of the United States.

"The unfolding East Asian renaissance will challenge and transform all cultures in the world and change the way man looks at himself," Mr. Yeo said. "The Western domination of the global media will be contested."

Yeap Soon Beng, a lecturer in the School of Communication Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, said that efforts by a number of Asian governments, including Singa-pore, to challenge the Western media by official controls, restrictive

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By Warren Brown Vashington Post Service NEW YORK -General Motors

Corp.'s directors, bypassing traditional promotion routes once more, have named one of its youngest officers to take charge of the company's worldwide program to wring large savings out of its parts suppliers.

The selection late Monday of G. Richard Wagoner, who as executive vice president is in the first tier of officials under chief executive John F. Smith Jr., underscores the importance of the cost-cutting program to GM's board.

Mr. Wagoner, a 40-year-old who is GM's chief financial officer, re-places José Ignacio López de Arriortua, a Spaniard who cut GM's purchasing costs in half in less than a year before leaving the company in a bizarre episode.

marketing operations.

The 52-year-old Mr. López oined the management board of Volkswagen AG on March 16, af-ter publicly changing his mind several times about whether he would remain with GM. Mr. Lopez left Detroit only a few hours before he was scheduled to appear al a press conference at which Mr. Smith was to announce that Mr. Lopez was to be in charge of all of

VW to stop the raids. In a veiled reference to those difficulties, Mr. Smith praised Mr. Wagoner as an "enthusiastic, yet disciplined leader who knows the importance our partners place on common enterprise and long-term relationships." Mr. Smith said Mr. Wagoner would retain his position as chief financial officer, but those daily

nation for his departure, which embarrassed the company's top offi-cials, especially Mr. Smith. In the cyes of many GM officials and in-

dustry analysts, Mr. Lopez added

insult to injury by taking six other

GM executives with him and by

trying to lure away 40 more from the automaker's European opera-

tions. GM took Volkswagen to a Frankfurt court, which ordered

staff operations would be turned over to a vice president, Leon J.

Krain. That arrangement will allow Mr. Wagoner to "focus immediate-ly on his new responsibilities with GM's worldwide purchasing opera-tions." Mr. Smith said.

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Chrysler to Take Charge Chrysler Corp. said it would take an exceptional charge of \$4.7 bilbion in the first quarter to meet new accounting rules to cover post-trement benefits, AFP-Extel News reported Tuesday from Detroit. The provision will lead to a net loss the company's North American automotive manufacturing and for the quarter and for the full year but will not affect the payment of Mr. López gave no public expla-

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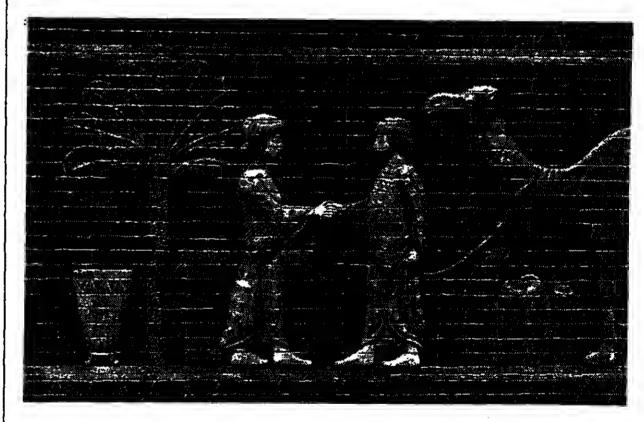
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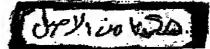
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Investors Sell Off Consumer Stocks

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK --- U.S. stocks closed slightly lower Tuesday amid further declines in the shares of consumer-products companies, stemming from concern that priceconscious consumers may shun brand names

"It's a natural reaction to the Philip Morris situation," said Eric

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T. Miller, chief investment officer at Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 1.62 points lower at 3,377.57, although as many as seven computer-driven buy programs helped lift the average, according to Birinyi Associates. Philip Mor-rís, Coca-Cola Co. and Sears Roebuck & Co. were the worst per-formers among the average's 30 stocks.

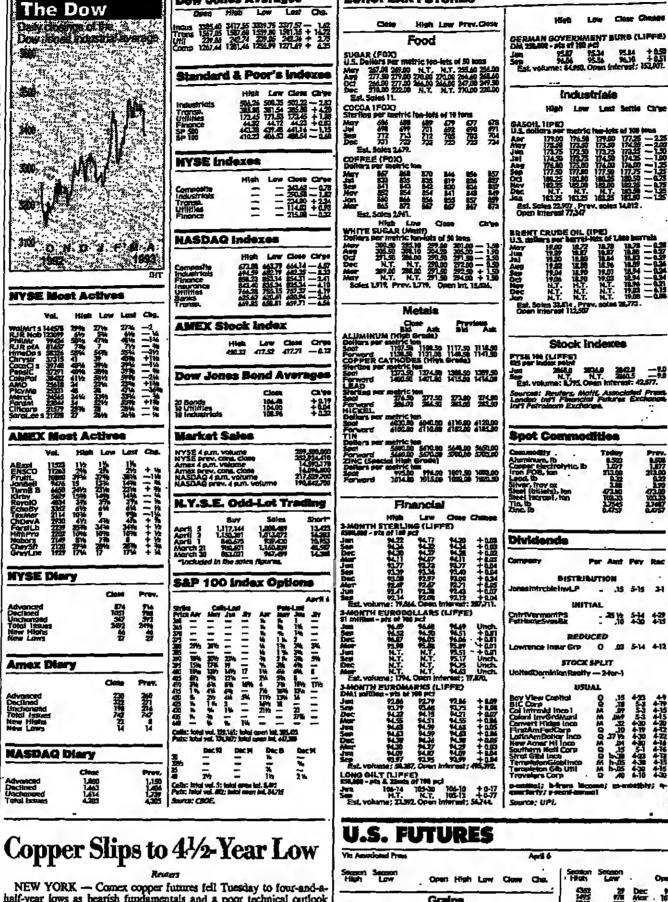
Consumer-products stocks started dropping Monday amid concern about the value of brand names, prompted by Philip Morris Cos. plan to reduce the price on its Marlboro brand of cigarettes through promotions and to boost advertising to retain market share. An erosion of personal income

lower earnings for sellers of brand name products, said Michael Metz, chief market strategist at Oppenheimer & Co. The strength of the consumer sector is really a function of consumer confidence," he said. Procter & Gamble fell % to 46 %. Colgate-Paimolive Co. fell 24 to 60, Quaker Oats Co. dropped 1% to 63%, and PepsiCo Inc. closed ½ lower at 40.

Investors are "looking for the next bad area," said James Andrews, first vice president in charge of institutional trading at Janney Mootgomery Scott. "First it's health care ... oow this." Broader market indexes close

lower. Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 1.13 to 441.16 and the Nasdag Composite Index tumbled 6.57 to 664.14. The American Stock Excbaoge Market Value Iodex dropped 0.13 to 417.71.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 292.3 million shares, above a three-month daily



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Mesa May Not Make Interest Payment

DALLAS (Bloomberg) - Mesa Inc., still wrangling with bondholders over a proposed debt-exchange offer, said Tuesday it had not determined. whether it would pay \$29.3 million in interest due on May 1.

The independent natural gas company said it would defer its decision on the interest payments on \$600 million of subordinated notes until the On the interest payments on SOUU minion of subordinated notes until the May 1 deadline because of negotiations with bondholders. Mesa and a committee representing its bondholders have been haggling over the bond-exchange offer for several months.

The announcement is the latest stumbling block in Mesa's financial struggle. In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission last week, the company acknowledged that it might face bankruptcy if it lost a legal battle scheduled for trial in June.

MGM Units Win Claims in Britain

CULVER CITY, California (Renters) - MGM Inc., controlled by Crédit Lyonnais, the French bank, said Tuesday that its Cinema 5 Ltd. and Cannon Exhibition Ltd. units had won a legal victory in Britain against Sandhurst Assets Inc., Tanja DiStefano and Giovanni Di Stefano and Comfinance International SA.

No terms were disclosed. A British court upheld the MGM units' claims that the defendants had conspired to delraud them of shares in Cannon Exhibition Ltd. and had also fraudulently granted bogus securities to Comfinance International.

Hitachi Data Launches Osiris System .

SANTA CLARA, California (AFX) — Hitachi Data Systems, a joint venture between General Motors Corp.'s Electronic Data Systems unit and Japan's Hitachi Ltd., announced Tuesday the launch of its own open systems computing strategy, called Osiris. HDS also announced in a statement the first of a series of hardware and as an open the first of a series of hardware

HDS also announced in a statement the first of a series of hardware and software products designed to help organizations link local-area networks to mainframe computers. The multiphase Osiris strategy will enable customers to benefit from the power and performance of the mainframe, while providing transpar-ent access to large-scale data-storage facilities, HDS said.

IBM Introduces ValuePoint Models

SOMERS, New York (AFX) - IBM PC Co., a unit of International SOMERS, New York (AFX) — IBM PC Co., a unit of International Business Machines Corp., announced Tuesday the launch of 40 new models of its Personal Systems/ValuePoint line of personal computers. The models include faster Video Electronics Standard Association graphics; true color capability; greater disk capacity and ability to support upgrades to Intel Corp.'s 486 processor and its upcoming Pentium processor technology. Separately, IBM PC Co. also said it was reducing prices on the multiprocessing version of its PS/2 Server 295 by 30 percent.

One of Atlantic Richfield's Four Corners pipelines ruptured outside of Los Angeles, spilling more than 1,000 barrels of crude oil on to the northbound Interstate 5 highway, an Arco spokesman said Tuesday. The location of the rupture has not been identified. (Bloomberg)

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. reported lower first-quarter earnings butsaid it hoped to have record earnings for the third consecutive year. The company had record first-quarter revenue of \$407.4 million. (Renters)

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that the Bundesbank would lower

its weekly adjustment to money market rates, traders said. Lower German rates would make dollar-denominated deposits more attractive. Interest rates in Germany are 4.5 percentage points higher than in the United States, which makes holding marks more profitable than holding dollars.

Prospects for lower rates intensified after the German economics minister, Günter Rexrodt, told re-porters in Washington that Ger-man inflation was stable enough to

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Corning Optimistic After Setback CORNING, New York (Renters) — Corning Inc., reporting lower first-quarter operating earnings, said Tuesday it remained optimistic that its full-year performance would reflect its record of consistent growth. - 35 12 544 429 its full-year performance would rester its record of consistent growth. March operating results of consolidated companies were below Cor-ning's expectations, primarily due to manufacturing, distribution and service delivery disruptions, the company said. Corning reported first-quarter operating net of \$49.8 million on revenue of \$827.6 million. A year earlier it had operating net of \$65 million on revenue of \$760.2 million.

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average of 263.9 million shares. Declining issues outpaced advancers by about 9 to 7 on the Big Board. Concern about Thursday's report on March producer prices and advertising to retain market share. An erosion of personal income and low consumer confidence has created more "price-conscious" (keep many investors out of the market this week, analysts said.

Dollar Gains on Talk

Of a German Rate Cut Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK - The dollar halted its recent slide against major currencies on Tuesday as specula-tion grew that the Bundesbank

would lower interest rates to fuel Germany's slumping economy. The dollar finished at 1.6109 DM, up more than 1.5 plennig from Monday's close of 1.5945.

The U.S. currency also rose to 113.95 yea from 113.69 yea, ending

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a week-long slide that took the currency to historic lows. The dollar rose to 1.4855 Swiss

francs from 1,4765 francs, and to 5,455 French francs from 5,4131. The pound weakened to \$1.5153 from \$1.5210.

Today's economic data showed the German economy is weak." said Giuseppe Dose, foreign-exchange manager at Bank of Ameri-ca in San Francisco. That news rekindled investors' expectations Advanced Declined Unchanged Total Issues New Highs New Highs

allow the Bundesbank to cut rates further. The central bank has cut its key discount rate twice this year, to 7.5 percent from 8.25 percent. Speculation about an easier German monetary policy often spacks

"dollar buying cuphoria," said John Moubayed, a trader at First Boston, "I think the Germans will cut rates, they certainly need to,"

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interest rates to foster economic growth, he said. A report showing a drop in West German manufacturing orders did most to spur talk of a rate cut, traders said. German rates could come down as soon as Wednesday, when the Bundesbank announces	127 1167 107 1167 1177 1179 118 -041 137 1167 116 1167 1179 1179 118 -041 130 114 Dec 126 1267 123 124 -04 131 116 Men 1274 1274 1277 1277 -074 130 115 Men 1274 1274 1277 1277 -074 137 1079 144 127 127 127 129 137 1079 144 127 127 129 137 1079 144 127 127 129 137 1079 144 127 127 129 137 144 127 127 129 137 144 127 127 129 137 144 129 129 137 144 129 129 137 144 129 137 129	1286 1075 Same 1086 1285 1061 Dec 1116 1285 1061 Dec 1116 1110 1116 1116 1116 Prov. Dory Open 104 1116 1116 1116 12275 6724 Auty 71.90 94.20 94.05 114.5 12275 6724 Auty 71.90 94.20 94.05 114.5 14.5 12275 6724 Auty 71.90 94.20 94.05 14.5 14.5 12275 6724 Jul 15.10 17.53 14.65 74.46 94.05 14.55 114.25 74.50 Nov X0.58 19.53 10.65 74.06 14.55 117.55 3.43 Mar Tolum 194.05 10.05 12.55 14.55 119.50 8.43 Mar Tolum 194.05 194.05 14.55 14.55 119.50 5.53 Mar Tolum 194.95 108.45 14.55 14.55 119.50 11.50	1.2000 1.2000 1.2000 1.2000 1.2000	ND
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Fisons Ends Work On Asthma Drug

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches LONDON - Shares of Fisons PLC fell 13 percent Tuesday after the drug company said it had can-

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celed development work on the asthma treatment Typedane. The drug, undergoing clinical tri-als in several countries after being als in several countries and orang licensed four years ago from Bris-tol-Myers Squibb of the United States, had been viewed as one of Fisons' most promising products, analysts said. Fisons shares fell 25 pence to

close at 169 pence (\$2.54). Separately, Zeneca Pharmaceuti-

Gateway Debt Is Restructured

Bloomberg Business New LONDON -Isosceles PLC, parent of the British supermarket chain Gateway Foodmarkets, agreed Tuesday with its creditors on a plan to restructure £1.4 billion (\$2.1 bilbion) of debt by the end of May.

The announcement, which came as the rival supermarket chain Tesco PLC announced earnings of £580 million for last year, followed months of negotiations. Under the plan, Isosceles will form a new company, Gateway Holdings, to manage the 635 Gateway stores and assume £464 million of debt.

Gateway will be able to borrow an extra £36 million under an existing credit line and £50 million in new loans, giving it £86 million to work with initially, but will not make any repayments on the debt until 1998. Gateway, Britain's largest ever leveraged buyout, was bought in 1989 for £2.2 billion in a deal engineered by the investment boutique Wasserstein Perella.

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consortium that includes France's Aerospa-

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Mr. Reuter termed the Airbus order backlog

Aeronauticas of Spain, contributed 410.8 mil-

last year, the first time it had been fully consoli-

of 836 planes at the end of 1992 "satisfactory"

and said Deutsche Aerospace, which encom-

passes other aviation, aerospace, defense and

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The aerospace unit reported a net loss of 341

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cals, part of Imperial Chemical In-dustries PLC's Zeneca Ltd. unit, said that in Phase 2 trials of its antiastima product Accolate, the drug was "well tolerated" and beiped relieve major symptoms of asthma.

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The positive findings of the tri-als, which were held in the United States and involved 300 patients, have led the company to give Acco-late a "high priority" in its development program, Zeneca said.

At Fisons, the company's chief executive, Cedric Scroggs, said, "Tipredane in early clinical trials has not demonstrated the level of efficacy which would be likely to prove therapeutically useful."

He said the results of the trials, which had been delivered to Fisons Monday, were a disappointment but would allow resources to be spent on more promising drugs such as Remacemide, which is in-tended to treat diseases of the central nervous system.

In an interview, Mr. Scroggs said the decision to cancel development and switch to the other drugs would be favorable to Fisons' earnings in the next four to five years. Remacemide is the only drug Fisons now has in Phase 2 clinical trials, which involve testing on actual patients.

A Hoare Govett analyst, Nigel Barnes, said the Tipredane move was "obviously very bad news for the company," as the drug previously was "perceived as the most attractive product" in Fisons' research-and-development pipeline. He added, "There is only one

reason to buy Fisons stock now, and that is the yield of between 6.5 percent and 7 percent."

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(Bloomberg, AFX)

IBM France to Acquire CGI Software Firm Accepts \$460.4 Million Bid CGI shares last traded at 332 francs before

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PARIS - IBM France said Tuesday it was offering CGI Informatique shareholders one bond convertible into IBM stock for each CGI share, in an agreed takeover bid that valued CGI at about 2.5 billion French trancs (\$460.4 million).

CG1, a French software-development company, reported consolidated attributable net profit of 148.2 million francs for the year ended Aug. 30. The IBM France convertible bond has a comnal value of 355 francs that will be reimbursed at 1992, down 10.3 percent from the previous year. Sales rose 13.6 percent to 2.22 hillion francs. The 102.82 percent, or 365 francs. It will have a life of four and one-half years and will carry a 5.75 IBM bid thus valued CGI at a little more than its

percent annual coupon. Each bond will be convertible until Nov. 30, 1993, to 1,175 shares of International Business Machines Corp. stock. From Dec. 1, 1993, to Jan. 1, 1998, the

bonds will be convertible to 1.075 IBM shares. A statement from the two companies said the price represented a premium of 10 percent over the average CGI Informatique share price over the last month, of 20 percent over the last three months'

average price and 30 percent over the price of the months. last siz CGI Informatique managers, who hold 25.4 percent of the stock, have agreed to accept the

offer, the statement said.

Pechiney Calls for Sale as Net Falls

PARIS --- Hurt by a flood of cheap aluminum from Russia, Pechiney SA said Tuesday that consolidated net profit had dropped 75 percent last year and that 1993 did not look much better.

Net profit at the French state-controlled aluminum and packaging company fell to 203 million French francs (\$37 million), from 820 million francs in 1991. Chairman Jean Gandois said his priorities this year would be acquisi-

tions and convincing the government to sell its controlling stake in Pechiney. "The privatization of Pechiney is indispensable for the fu-

ture growth of the group," he added. of blocking Russian aluminum from He said the company expected Europe if necessary, he said. an operating loss for the first half of the year, while the full-year fore-"After one year of fruitless palaver, it is clearly time for stronger

cast depended on increased alumimeasures" that could still be counum prices, an improved French pled with economic aid to Russia, economy and lower interest rates to Mr. Gandois said.

reduce the financing on Pechiney's Pechiney International, a can 20 billion francs in long-term debt. maker and packager that acquired American Can Co. of the Umted To stabilize aluminum prices, Mr. Gandois said Russia must be asked States in 1989 and is 67 percent controlled by Pechiney, reported a 19 percent rise in income before to halve the estimated 1 million tons of aluminum it sold on the world exceptional items to 1.07 billion market last year at low prices. The BC Commission, which is due to francs, from 901 million. Net income after exceptional gains and complete an investigation of the Russian sales by the end of June, should take the unfashionable step

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Ltd. said Tuesday they were invest-ing £1.3 billion (\$1.95 billion) to extend the life of the Brent oil and gas field in the North Sea.

As part of the project, pressure in the Brent reservoir will be lowered to release oil and gas that otherwise could not have been recovered. Depressurization of the Brent reservoir will begin in 1997, with the second stage of "deep" depres-

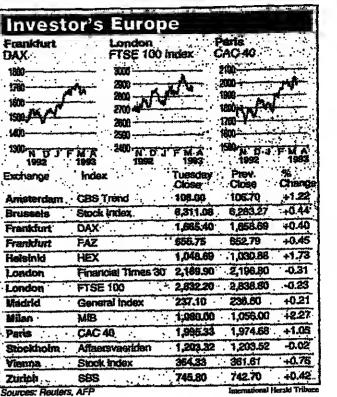
surizatioo beginning early oext century, Shell and Esso said. This will extend the field's life by more than 10 years and will boost oil reserves by some 34 million barrels and gas reserves by 1.5 trillion cubic

feet (42.4 billion cubic meters). Before the depressurization can begin, the field's processing equipment will have to be replaced, the companies said. This will mean that three out of the four platforms operating at the field will be shut down in succession from 1994, but only one will be out of production

at any one time. The companies said the redevelopment of the field would create

3,000 jobs. Shell U.K., which is part of the British-Dutch Royal Dutch/Shell Group, acts as operator of the joiot veoture. Its managing director, Chris Fay, said the redevelopment was "crucial" and would allow Britain to extract maximum value from its North Sea resources.

"At a time when oil prices are static, it needs innovative methods to ensure that producing extra regoodwill amortization rose oearly sources from declining fields will be fourfold, to 1.97 hillion francs, economically justified," he said.



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 General Electric Capital Corp. is making an agreed offer of 42 pence (63) cents) a share for all the shares in TIP Europe PLC, valuing the trailer leasor at about £71 million, TIP Europe said.

Zeneca Specialities, part of Imperial Chemical Iodustries PLC's Zeneca Ltd. unit, said it had completed the sale of its Tribol Industrial Labricants business to Burmah Castrol PLC for \$48.25 million in cash.

The Treuhandanstalt privatizing agency said it had sold the East German engineering company Magdeburger Förderanlagen & Baumas-chinen GmbH to a group headed by Deutsche Bank AG's unit Deutsche Beteiligungsgesellschaft GmbH and Interroll Holding AG of Switzerland.

• PTT Nederland NV, the Dutch state-owned telecommunications and postal company, said net profit had risen 3.4 percent last year to 1.66 billion guilders (\$922 million), from 1.6 billion guilders in 1991.

 Italy's oew-car sales plunged 21 percent in March from a year earlier and were down 16 percent in the first quarter of 1993 from the year-ago period, the national association of car manufacturers, Anfia, reported.

Independent Newspapers PLC, the Irish publishing company, said it had earned 16 million punts (\$24.3 million), before taxes, in 1992, up from 8 million punts a year earlier.

• ABB France, the French subsidiary of the Swiss-Swedish group ABB Asea Brown Boveri, is closing its plant at Decines, oear Lyon, doing away with 292 jobs, a company spokesman said. AP. AFP, Bloomberg, AFX

Adidas Posts a Large Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MUNICH, Germany --- The sporting-goods maker Adidas AG said Tuesday that it had a 1992 group loss of 149 million Deutsche marks (\$93 millioo), including 69 millioo DM in one-time restructuring costs.

The loss, which compared with a 15 million DM profit a year earlier, came as sales tumbled 18 percent to 2.75 billion DM from 3.35 billion DM. The management board chairman, Gilberte Beaux, said at a news conference that Adidas expected on further extraordinary costs related to

restructuring this year. She said Adidas could finance the restructuring measures with its capital increase of 150 million DM in December. (Revaers, Bloomberg)

increase in risk provisions, after a 50 million-DM net profit a year earlier,

AEG, the electrical-engineering division whose products range from refrigerators to high-speed trains, reported 10 million DM in oct profit after a net loss of 624 million DM m 1991

Debis, Daimler's software, financial-services and trading division, reported a slight drop in net profit, to 122 million DM from 123 million DM. It was the first time Daimler had disclosed specific oet profit by division, a change made necessary by the company's intention, an-nounced last week, to list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange this year. The 1991 divi-sional figures, which were calculated retroactively, also were disclosed Tuesday for the first tin

Mercedes, meanwhile, remained the main

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on 66.5 billion DM in sales, down from 67.1 billion DM. Mercedes contributed 785 million DM to Daimler's group income.

Mr. Reuter said the company's restructuring was already well onderway at Mercedes, begin-ning with the institution of work groups on the assembly floor, the creation of small, semiindependent profit centers and a "sometimes drastic" overhaul of management structures.

"We are relaxing rigid forms and dispensing with obsolete approaches," he said, adding that the changes were "begun quite some time ago and of our own free will," rather than being belated reactions to sinking sales figures.

At the close of trading in Frankfurt, Daimler shares were down 14.50 DM, or 2.4 percent, at 580.50 DM

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Powerfin Cuts Its Dividend Despite Increase in Profit

Reuters

BRUSSELS -- Powerfin SA, the Belgian utility holding company, said Tuesday that although its profit had increased last year, it was cutting its dividend to 100 Belgian francs (\$3.03) per share, from 179 francs, in order to finance foreign development. Powerfin said oet consolidated profit rose 5.2 percent to 7.334

billioo francs from 6.973 billion francs a year earlier. Sales figures were not given.

Powerfin said the dividend cut would increase the long-term return for investors. "Because the condistributed part of the profit will be invested in projects with a higher profitability than Electrabel's, the long-term return for shareholders has to be higher," the company said. But Powerfin said that starting from 1993 it would resume its usual policy of increasing dividends annually.

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DAIMLER: Company Will Stick to Its Course Despite Drop in '92 Profit source of momentum, reporting 849 million DM in net profit, down from 1.55 billion DM,

IBM last year linked up with state-controlled computer concern Compagnie des Machines Bull in developing standard computer systems and li-censed technology to Thomson-CSF's Cetia. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

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latest year's revenue and 17.5 times its profit.

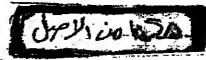
IBM France said the acquisition would mark a

shift in its strategy toward computer services. The company has had to acknowledge that it needed

strategic alliances to survive a move toward stan-

dard computer systems that has eroded its domi-

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ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan -- Chevron Corp., the world's fifth-largest oil company, and the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan entered a new world of post-Cold War business Tuesday, agreeing to develop one of the world's richest oil fields.

The Kazakh president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, and Chevron's chief executive, Kenneth Derr, signed a landmark agreement creating s joint oil venture, Tengizchevroil.

The long-term deal, which could be worth \$20 billion, is the biggest of its lond between a major oil multinational and a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

"The day has finally arrived. Tengizchevroil is now a reality," Mr. Derr said at the climax of a tortuous trail of negotiations and compro-

forefront in attracting major foreign investment," he said in an apparent allusion to neigh-boring Russia's political and economic chaos and nightmarish legal and tax complexities.

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Mr. Nazarbayev, a forceful leader who has held his country together with a cautious approach to reform, rescued the deal with San Francisco-based Chevron after it had been endangered by charges that the country was being sold off cheaply.

The joint venture will exploit the adjacent Tengiz and Korolyov oil fields on the northeastern shore of the Caspian Sea in western Kazakhstan -- fields with estimated recoverable reserves of between 6 billion and 9 billioo barrels of oil.

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firm Tengizneftegaz. Chevron will provide the technology, the expertise and the financing to develop the fields. Joint investment could total \$20 billion, with around \$1.5 billion of that toa come in the first three to five years.

But financial details are murky and neither side explained how they had resolved legal and tax problems that had stalled the project. Russian-U.S. Talks on Energy

Russia and the United States are discussing proposal that could finance as much as \$2 billion of sales of American equipment and services to the Russian energy sector, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

A State Department spokesman, Richard The complex 40-year agreement, which is spected to make Kazakistan a major oil ex-

mises that began in the Soviet era. "Kazakhstan has now shown that it is in the	expected to make Kazakhstan a major oil ex- porter within 10 years, offers equal shares to	agency that helps promote U.S. exports.
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Power Firms Rush for China Business

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune HONG KONG - China has become the

new El Dorado for the world's power-station builders and electrical-equipment suppliers. But financiers in Hong Kong believe few of a recent flurry of deals to boost the power grid across China involving foreign compa-nics will ever pan out. Only the best-planned projects and those with access to foreign exchange are likely to pass bankers' muster. "There does seem to be more appetite than demand for project leading in China right

now," said Peter Geldart, head of Crtibank's project finance in Asia,

"Banks are keen now, but the balance can change very quickly," he said. "There defi-nitely could be a glut of projects coming on and there are some being talked about that just don't make sense." China set a target of building 35,000 mega-

watts of power capacity during its 1986-1990 Five-Year Plan. But central and provincial governments oversaw the building of more than 50,000 megawatts of new generating capacity, cranking the country's capacity up by 57 percent. Even that, however, could not match demand.

The current five-year plan hopes to increase production 45 percent to 200,000 MW by 1995 and China aims for 240,000 MW by the year 2000. Most will be coal-fired pla

China's big three equipment makers, Har-bin Electrical Equipment Co., Dongfang Electrical Machinery Factory and Shanghai Heavy Machinery, already are overstretched in meeting the government's estimates of de-mand. But foreign analysts say those estimates are way too conservative. China, facing a long list of massive com-

china, facing a tong ist a massive con-peting infrastructure needs, also cannot con-tinue to budget power-station investment from the public purse. "China has some excellent engineers and the capacity to produce 10,000 MW a year internally. But they need to build 14,000 a ware to make 300 000 by the uner 2000 " soid

year to make 300,000 by the year 2000," said

Ted Lee, vice president of Bechtel China Inc. "As a consequence, a lot of credible international corporations are seriously looking at the market now."

Bechtel, which has been involved in more than 40 major construction projects in China since 1978, joins international groups like GEC-Alsthom, Asea Brown Boven, Westing-house Electric Co., Wing Merrill and Mitsu-bishi Fleavy Industries Ltd. in looking at

large projects proposed this year. "Everybody in China needs power, but can they afford it? said an industry insider. "Ac-cess to foreign exchange or airlight borrow-

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ing guarantees from the Chinese government are the key to these projects. Without either, that power station isn't going to get built." In a move typical of the sector's sarge in activity, senior officials from Shandong province recently visited Hong Kong with plans to double the province's generating capacity within 10 years, from 10,000 MW. Within five days, 4800 MW was accounted for in three deals.

Hong Kong-based China Light & Power Co. signed a letter of intent with Shandong Electric Power Co. to study building up to 3600 MW of new coal-fired generating capac-ity — more than half the company's capacity

in Hong Kong. A China Light & Power spokesman, Albert Chan said that since China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, made his famous tour of the south last year to promote rapid economic development, "the provinces, which all need power, are talking to anyone going in to see them about getting a power station."

"We have looked at quite a number of proposals," said Albert Chan, a spokesman for China Light & Power. "But this is the first one apart from Daya Bay we've considered investing in." Daya Bay is a \$3.7 billion Investing II. Daya Bay is a 30.7 minor Guangdong Province nuclear power station in which China Light has a 25 percent stake. In the same week, Hong Kong's Hender-son Land signed a \$3 billion joint venture to build 600 MW in Yantian. Four days later, Hong Kong's Cathey International Group

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build 600 MW in Yantian. Four days later, Hong Kong's Cathay International Group formed a joint venture with Shengli Petro-leum Administration Bureau of Dongying to upgrade an existing 400 MW plant and use its carnings to help finance an additional 600 MW plant.

MW plant. "We're trying to move this along as quickly as possible," said Cathay's vice chairman, Stephen Hunt, of the project, which is expect-ed to cost \$500 million. "There is not going to be an infinite amount of inexpensive money around for long-term projects in China." "There is a willingness by some suppliers to take equity in China power stations, but we'r hope to keep it to minimum," said Mr. Hunt." The banks should find this proposal attractive: we have a guaranteed take-up for the electricity, and Shengfi is an oil producer, so foreign currency to pay back the loans is not a problem."

promem. The model for foreign power-station build-ers in China is Gordon Wu's Hopewell Hold-ings, whose completed Shajiao B and unfin-ished Shajiao C stations required investment of \$1.7 billion, raised largely through syndi-reted because the two sectors and the syndicated loans. But the two projects represent only a fraction of Mr. Wu's ambitions.

only a fraction of Mr. Wu's ambitions. Apart from a \$2.2 billion power station in Henan province, Hopewell says it has been approached by five other provinces offering it similar deals. However, with China's per capita electric-ity usage at 0.6 MW per year — the U.S. equivalent is 10 MW — and with construc-tion costs running at a minimum of \$750,000

tion costs running at a minimum of \$750,000 per MW of capacity, Hopewell laces plenty of competition.

Westinghouse Expects Czech Deal

By Burton Bollag New York Times Service

PRAGUE --- The Czech authorities are expected to announce soon a contract with Westing house Electric Corp. to upgrade the safety equipment at the not-yet-completed Temelin nuclear power plant in southern Bohemia. The contract, made virtually

certain by the decision annonneed on March 10 by the Czech government to finish the controversial Soviet-designed plant, signals the start of what is expected to be a multibillion-dollar business of improving the safety of nuclear plants in the former communist nations of Eastern Europe and in what used to be the Soviet Union.

That entire region has 58 Sovi-et-style reactors and 16 more un-besed International Atomic En-

ergy Commission, said several billion dollars of business should be created "if the political situa-tion stabilizes" in the region. The United Nations agency has said all the Soviet-designed reactors The business will be welcomed

by the U.S. nuclear industry, need safety improvements. "The problem is financing," Mr. Nichaos added. which, except for one or two contracts awarded without competition, has not had any orders for

Westinghouse's plan to up-grade Temelin was made possible by a U.S. government-backed new plants since the mid-1980s. "Our business has stagnated for the last eight years," said Ray-mond Sero, Westinghouse's head guarantee for a loan taken out by the Czech anthonities. In neighboring Slovakia, a \$600 million deal for a redesign of the uncompleted Mochowce of international nuclear sales and operations. The nuclear division of the Pittsburgh-based company has maintained yearly revenues near last year's \$1.3 billion by servicing existing power stations. maclear plant is being negotiated with Siemens AG of Genmany and Framatome of France.

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neighboring Austria or Germany. But this option is less likely for most of the region's reactors, which are not near the West. Those plants are hoping for financing from such sources as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Community.

Temelin's two WWER 1000 reactors are the most advanced Sovict-designed reactors and they differ from the one involved in the Chernobyl accident. Alto-gether there are 24 Temelin-type reactors in operation or under construction in the former com-

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Beijing and Seoul Forge A Bustling Trade Alliance

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SONGCUN, China - Four decades after battling each other in a ferocious war. China and South Korea are signing a wave of investment and trade agreements that provide the basis for an important new economic partner-ship in East Asia.

It would be a formidable alliance, for while South Korea engineered an economic miracle with its skill in manufacturing and marketing, its growth has slowed in the last few years, in part because of rising labor costs. China offers just the kind of \$3-a-day wages that, under Korean management, may produce yet more garments, television sets and stereo players for international markets.

Though a far-reaching economic parmership Lat least half a dozen years away, such a parmership could revolutionize parts of eastern China, turning them into the same kind of manufacturing and export base as the southern part of the country.

The dimensions of the cooperation are visible in Songcun, a dusty linie town near the east China coast. A South Korean entrepreneur named Kim Ko Duk took over a former bank building in July and now has 180 young Chi-nese, mostly peasant women, hunched over desks assembling electronic transformers.

Mr. Kim has another factory in South Korea,

but labor costs there average about \$800 a month for each assembly line worker. In Songcan, such workers are paid an average of about \$80 a month.

"We'll be moving all our production over here," said Mr. Kim, a squat man of 52 with tennis shoes peeking out from under his suit egs. "The corporate headquarters will remain in Korea, along with our technicians, marketing, quality control and trade departments, But nufacturing will all be over here."

China and South Kores formally established diplomatic relations only in August. It will take several years for trade channels to be secured, for Koreans and Chinese to become comfortable with each other, and for the factories now peing planned to be built and opened. But two-yay trade last year was already \$8 billion, up 39

percent from 1991 and more than double the level in 1990.

A total of 443 South Korean investment projects had been approved by the end of 1992, but that figure is already outdated. The pace picked up sharply after the establishment of diplomatic relations, and scores of new investment agreements are now being signed each month.

The new trade and investment links, plus the flow of 90.000 Chinese and Koreans who visited each other's countries last year, are reverber-ating in complex ways throughout the region. They are adding to the isolation of Communist North Korea, China's old comrade-inarms, although for now there is debate among experts about whether a more isolated North Korea will become more reasonable or simply

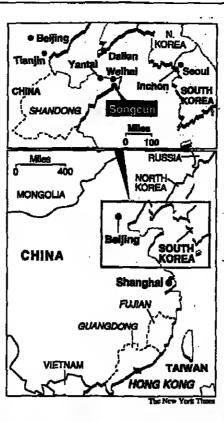
more threatening. Beginning in the early 1980s, the 5.9 million people of Hong Kong transformed neighboring Guangdong Province into the richest part of China with one of the world's most dynamic economies. Likewise, starting in the late 1980s, the 20 million people of Tsiwan transferred production lines to nearby Fujian Province and created another major manufacturing base.

Now, it is possible that a parallel development is beginning to take place in Shandong Province, opposite South Korea with its 42 million people. Much of the Korean investment and trade is directed toward Shandong.

Zhang Huafu, the deputy mayor of Yantai, a major city in Shandong, is one of those looking forward to better times. "Especially after transport links are in place," Mr. Zhang said, "it will be very convenient for South Koreans to come here. What will be crucial are the decisions of the two governments on air links "

The Korean authorities in Seonl and their counterparts in Beijing have still not agreed on what flights to allow, creating a stumbling block to the building of business ties. There are infrequent flights to Seoul from Shanghai and Tianjin, and ferries from Tianjin and Weihai to the Korean port of Inchon, but these connections are not nearly sufficient.

As a result, costs are higher than they might otherwise be, For example, Mr. Kim, the South



Korean entrepreneur who makes transformers, says that while he can cut labor costs 90 percent. moving production to China, other prob-ms - especially transportation - add to his by

when everything is factored in, costs are about 10 percent cheaper here," Mr. Kim said, "But that's still very important, especially be-cause costs in Korea are going up all the time." Mr. Kim's factory is one of about 150 South Korean-financed businesses approved so far in the area around Weihai, a former British port. Thirty-five of the factories have opened so far,

including enterprises producing fishing rods, marble and wool sweaters, and processing shrimp. Partly because of the ferry connection, South

Korean tounists are common on the streets of Weihai, and local shops have begun to post signs in Korean. Ethnic Koreans from northeastern China have found good jobs there as interpreters, and people are studying Korean in local universities.

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China Seeks a Cure For State Firms' Ills

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BELIING - China has invited the World Bank to help develop a policy framework to reform its unprofitable state enterprises, the bank's president, Lewis Preston, said Tuesday.

Mr. Preston, who is visiting China to study its economy and poten-tial uses for World Bank loans, said that with its economy still experi-encing double-digit growth, Beijing was concerned about inflation and could he sustainable.

realized it did not have the re-sources to continue bailing out state-owned enterprises. Those enterprises accounted for 44.6 billion yuan (\$7.8 billion) in last year's state budget. Since last fall, the bank has been working with China on reforming its

financial sector, Mr. Preston said, adding that China second to be "the only socialist country successfully transforming its economy." "If China succeeds, and there are

signs to show that it will, then the rest of the socialist world - not only in East Asia but also in the former Soviet Union and East Enrope - has important lessons to carn," he said. But, at a news conference, Mr. Preston said one of China's major problems was whether its leaders 9 percent of the bank's total lending and last year was its largest

borrower. Besides the state-sector losses, he said, its major problems included could keep the booming economy from running out of control. "Certainly they are very con-cerned about the risks of boom and environmental neglect, the slow pace of financial reforms, an un-

bust," he said. Asked whether he thought China could break out of the historical pattern that has seen the government repeatedly have to clamp down on runaway inflation triggered by periods of high growth, Mr. Preston langhed and

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Very briefly:

• China said a government delegation that was traveling to the United States on a buying mission to reduce Beijing's trade surplus was prepared to place \$150 million of orders for American automobiles.

• Nissan Motor Co. said its sales of defense and aerospace products were expected to reach a record 45 billion yen (\$396.1 million) in the current fiscal year, because of deliveries of U.S.-licensed multiple launch rocket systems to Japan's defense agency.

• Walsin Libwa Corp., one of Taiwan's largest wire and cable companies, will form a joint venture with Carpenter Technology Corp., a U.S. specialty-steel company.

• Manubeni Corp. said it had rescheduled several hundred million dollars of debt held by Iran that was due at the end of March and would allow Tehran to repay principal and interest in installments by next February. • New World Development Ca. of Hong Kong signed an agreement with Beijing anthonities to invest \$1.2 billion in an eight-year project restoring

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Samsung Aide Arrested After Train Crash

Reuters SEOUL - Prosecutors said Tuesday they had arrested the chief of a subsidiary of the Samsung Group, South Korea's largest conglomerate, in connection with a train crash that killed 78 passengers on March 28.

A spokesman said Nam Jeong Woo, president of Samsung Engineering & Construction Co., was one of 18 people arrested, suspected of cau the crash by negligent engi-neering work near the scene of the disaster last week.

Investigators believe the main rail line between Scoul and the southern city of Pusan caved in because of underground blasting and cabling work at the crash site.

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SINGAPORE: Business Times Broadens Horizons

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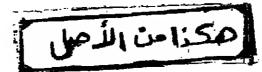
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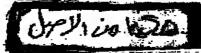
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SPORTS SOCCER

In Japan, Halo Clings to Lineker

By Steven Brull al Henald Tribum

TOYOTA CITY, Japan - The Japanese players for the Grampus Eight, the Nagoya soccer club that is the new home of Gary Lineker, still feel a bit unnatural working out with the English star. It's as if the 32-year-old, who captained his national team last year, has yet to lose his halo. The Japanese, mostly in their early 20s and with no professional experience, still can't quite believe Lineker plays on the same team

Lineker, meanwhile, who arrived in this industrial city in central Japan in mid-February. is taking his time settling in to strange new surroundings. The graceful and well-spoken striker wants to learn the ropes before assuming his new role at the center of the J-League Japan's first professional soccer league, which will make its debut in May.

"I'm just easing my way in at the moment, trying to learn." he said recently after a practice session here on the outskirts of Nagoya. "I'm here as a player, not as a coach. The time for criticism will come later."

Juventus Beats

Paris-SG, 2-1,

In Last Minute

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

scored two second-half goals as he led Juventus of Turin to an unhoped-for 2-1 victory against

Paris-Saint-Germain in a first-leg game of the UEFA Cup semifinals Taesday night.

UEFA Cup semifinals Tnesday night. The French team, which led 1-0 at halftime,

appeared headed to an easy victory when the

Italian forward produced two goals and re-

tional team, scored the equalizer with a perfect

shot from the penalty area limit in the 54th

His masterpiece, and Juventus's winning goal, came on a free kick in the last minute of

play. Baggio sent the ball just below the bar and

out of reach of French goalie Bernard Lama.

Liberian center-forward George Weah, left unmarked by the Italian defense, had put Saint-

Germain in the lead in the 22d minute on the

Qualification for the finals will be decided by

Borassia Dortmund 2, Auxerre 0; Second-

half goals from substitute Steffen Karl and

captain Michael Zorc helped Borussia Dort-

mund step closer to their first European final in

27 years with a 2-0 victory over Auterre in their

Karl's deflected shot from the edge of the

penalty area in the 60th minute and Zorc's 88th

minute header of a comer gave the Germans a

deserved victory in Dortmund over the French

club after they dominated most of the match.

in 1966 when it beat Liverpool to win the

European Cup Winners' Cup in Glasgow.

Dortmund last appeared in a European final

first leg of the UEFA Cup semifinal.

a second-leg game in Paris in two weeks.

first attack by the French team.

Baggio, a regular member of the Italian na-

versed the result

TURIN - Italian virtuoso Roberto Baggio

ent that Japan could be the last, and most perfect, match of Lineker's career.

He said that coming to Japan offered a way to end his international career at the top, to pa his bank account with the almighty yen, and to provide a bit of adventure. For the Grampus Eight, and more so the team's sponsor, Toyota

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Motor Corp., Lineker's good looks, stoic style and superb soccer skills make him valuable not only as a player and role model for the J-League but also as a corporate image that will help sell cars in Japan and abroad.

"His image as 'the gentle sportsman' is a good mix of software and hardware," said Ta-kayuki Miyashita, a Toyota marketing execu-tive. "We want to use him generally for Toyota's corporate image.

dy, Toyota has created a Lineker logo and begun featuring the soccer star in full-page newspaper ads, one of which shows him in a

Although it's taking time for Lineker and the Japanese to get acquainted, it is already appar-television campaign will be started in May, television campaign will be started in May, meanwhile, the team is also marketing a host of Lineker "character goods," including T-shirts, bath towels and badges.

The media profile has already made Lineker a household name, at least in Nagoya, even though he has yet to play in a professional match in Japan. After a practice session the other day, he was swarmed by girls demanding autographs and group photos.

Lineker easily affects smiles for the cameras. He appears happy earning a huge paycheck and content with his decision to retire from competition in Europe to play in third-rate stadiums in a league that is, as he puts it, "in its infancy."

Tve always said I wanted to quit international football at the top," he said. "As they say in show business, always leave them wanting more." Lincher won't be left wanting. Insiders say

his two-year contract with the team is worth \$2.57 million, plus as much as \$7 million more a year for promotional appearances. "Tve never denied that financially it's a good move," he

This is a little tougher and I'm a little older," he said.

Ryuzo Hiraki, the Grampus Fight coach, and several players who speak English help Lincker out, But off the field he's struggling. Trying to find the house in a taxi is a

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criticism will come later.'

said, declining to comment on details of his

To his credit, Lineker appears bent on not

using the money to insulate himself from Japan. His pregnant wife, Michelle, and son George,

1%, whose lenkemia is in remission, arrived in Nagoya at the end of March. Lineker said their

two-bedroom apartment was "perfectly ade-

quate," and that the adjustment was going well.

little things, rather than something enormous,"

Both he and his wife studied Japanese for six months before leaving England. But Lineker, who came to speak Spanish linently during the several years he played in Barcelona, says learn-ing Japanese is different.

There are a lot of differences, but it's a lot of

Gary Lineker

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complete nightmare because I don't even know where I'm going," he said. Nagoya, where both Toyota and Mitsubishi Motors assemble cars, is the Japanese equivalent of Detroit. But driving through the city is a challenge, because roads wind endlessly though drab and nondescript neighborhoods.

Although Grampus Eight beat Shimiza S-Pulse, 2-1, in a presension exhibition match Sunday in Matsuyama, in western Japan, Lineker did not score in his debut in this country. Still, said Hiraki, "The Lineker effect on the other players is really something."

Lineker says he thrives under pressure, but that pressures in Japan to maintain his media image and justify his income will pale in comparison with what he felt playing for Barcelona. There you're expected to be brilliant in

every game. There are 120,000 fams in the stadium and three major papers chasing you." Speaking of the press, he added: "Here there's huge attention, but not the cynicism. There's a feeling they want you to do well, and they look for the good things."

Still, Lineker will have to score lots of goals and make Grampus Eight a contender in the J-League to satisfy his fans, teammates and sponsors. No Japanese, of course, would ever tell him so directly, and Lineker may have to adjust his vision of his role with Gramous Eight to match Japanese expectations.

"It would be great for Grampus Eight to win the J-League in my time here," he said. "But I don't think they expect me to lead them to greatness."



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Lessons to Be Learned

International Herald Tribum

MARSEILLE - Experienced soccer play-ers ought to take with a pinch of garlic the fallacy that one man makes a team. How surprising, therefore, to see the smile on the face of Franck Sanzee, Olympique Marseille's seasoned midfielder, when anticipating his next opponent Glasgow Rangers will be drastically weakened by the suspension of its center forward, Mark Hateley.

"We think to win, only to win," says Sameet in his charmingly broken English. "For us it's really important that 'Atcley don't play. With McCoist and 'Atcley together we had many problems. So we are for size very happy 'Ateley no pury.

An international performer of Sauzee's pedimas!

gree know there is ty about the sport, and there sport, and that

to make such public predictions is the very best, and the very worst way, to good defiance in a Scottish team.

To do so on the eve of arguably the most important match in Marseille's history is tempting fate in a very big way. Marseille versus Rangers on Wednesday is virtually the semifinal of this season's European Champions' League Cap. The winner, if there is one, goes to the final

on May 26, a final that in prestige and finance could rescue the Olympique chub from the dra-matic overspending and political troubles of its

To assume anything is foolish. Marseille might have gone five years unbearen in its intunidating Stade Velodrome, but those with a longer memory than Sauzee's recall that it was a similar stage of the same competition that brought its last downfall, to Ajax Amsterdam, this month in 1988.

Then, as now, Marseille had faith in itself to become the first French champion of a tournament inspired by Frenchmen. Then, as now, it heard that the opposition was fallible, and it crashed, 3-0, to stille the premature celebrations of its followers.

Maybe it was true that Amsterdam had, as Marcelle's Ghanaian goelscorer Abedi Pelé im-plies, better touch players than the Scots today. Bot if Pelé believes his own words, then he is as presumptions as his teammate Sanze in under-estimating the fighting qualities of the Rangers. WHY EITHER should crow in advance beats me. When Manzeille played on Rangers' tunt in Glasgow last automm. the French team reached almost poetic heights of ; touch play and movement. For three quarters of the game, Marscille gave a footballing lesson to the Scots. But in the last quarter, when stamina and heart tell, Rangers came marand-ing back and, thanks to headed goals from an unrated substitute Gary McSwegar, and the inevitable Hateley, squared the context at 2-2.

Rangers learned in that rally a great deal about the psychology and the physique of Mar-seille. And though the Scottish champion has been hucky in several other European matches since that night, the fact is that it stands level with Marseille at the head of the group.

Since goal difference counts for nothing, the victor Wednesday will definitely make the final, probably (but after this little homely not presumptionsly) against AC Milan. The Milan team itself has run im

Ally McCoist, clusive, intepressible and i poscher par excellence, has struck 51 times the season. Some, but by no means all of his goals

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owe much to the partnership of Hateley. But McCoist has the courage to forage alone, the awareness of what makes a consistent scorer. "You run through a lot of emotions during a game," he says, "Concentration is the key. You've got just 90 minutes to give every thing.

take every chance you can. There's luck, there's being in the right place at the right time, but you can't make use of those without concentraion and total commitment."

McCoist then adds a significant thing, just in case the French think him vulnerable without the protection of "Atilla" Hatchey. "If we're playing against someone who starts playing dirty," muses McCoist, "we'll close him down. We're a term -- if he kicks one, he kicks the lot of 14. A term that says it does not know the man-

ing of the word intimidation boasts that all the hostility Marseille's Stade Velodrome is infa-

hostinty Mansente's State Vera mons for will not unnerve it. And a team which, though not as individual-ly gifted as the French champion, is just as dominant in its homeland as a Marseille that strides towards an unprecedented fifth French eagne title.

There is, by the way, a player in the royal blue of Rangers who is cleverer on the ball than either Hateley or McCoist.

Iain Durrant is neither a winger, a forward or a midfielder. He obeys instinct. He has the comming, and the touch, that Pelé thinks does not grow in Britain. He did more, if Sauzee but knew to turn the first match between Rangers and

Marseille than Hateley, but did it by stealth. But in keeping with the theme of this column, Durrant represents something else. His pres-ence is a defiance of the odds, of all medical prediction because three years of his career were lost after a savage tackle wrecked his knee. Even the surgeon who rebuilt the joint did not think it would stand up to the rigors of top-

class soccer. But the message here too, is simply: Assume nothing.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Turns.

SIDELINES

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champion Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic broke the world javelin record with a throw of 95.54 meters (313 feet, 5% inches) Thesday at a meet in Pietersburg, South Africa, Zelezny beat the mark of 91.46 set by Steve

Backley of Britain in Anckland on Jan. 25, 1992. The second, set by Zelezny with the first of his incows, was the first world athletic mark brilling in South Africa since the abolition of spanned allowed the country's return to international competition last year.

Caniggia Fails Drug Test

ROME (AP) --- Claudio Canigina, the flashy forward for AS Roma and the Argentine national team, tested positive for coraine use after a league match March 21, the Italian Soccer

Federation annunced Toesday. Caniggia, who faces an automatic intenta-

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Panick Bernog/Agence France-Presse Paris-SG's George Weah fighting for the ball with Juventus defender Jurgen Kohler.

The German side could have come away from the encounter with more than a two-goel lead. Auxerre's goalkeeper saved a penalty from Zorc in the 80th minute.

Parma 2, Atletico de Madrid 1: Parma's Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla exploded with two goals in three minutes in the second half to lift Parma to a 2-1 victory Tuesday over Atletico de Madrid in a first-leg, semifinal Cup Winners' Cup match.

Trailing 1-0, the dangerous Asprilla tied the score in the 57th minute on a blistering, leftfooted shot from 20 meters.

Asprilla struck again moments later when he hunged to head in a ball from 10 meters off a long crossing pass in the 60th minute to give Parma a 2-1 advantage and disappoint a rabid home crowd of 65,000.

The second-leg match is April 22 in Italy. (Renters, AP)

The Green Bay Packers announced Tuesday they had reached an agreement with seven-time All-Pro lefensive end Reppic White, the

most sought-after of the National Football League's new free agents.

"We have agreed to termis in principle with Reggie White," said Mike Reinfeldt, the Packers' chief financial officer.

The signing came after White, the played last season for the Philadelphia Eagles, apparently reached an impasse with the Wash-ington Redskins and the Cleveland Browns, leaving just the Packers and the San Francisco 49ers in the chase for his services.

The Packers were reportedly

free-agent restrictions because they were in the league's final four teams this year, had a \$19.5 mil-

lion, five-year deal on the table. The 31-year-old White said that his first priority in finding a team was one that would give him a chance to win a Super Bowl before. he retires.

His first choices were Washington, San Francisco and Dallas, but the 49ers and the Soper Bowl champion Cowboys had financial limitations, while the Redskins of-fered \$14 million over four years. Washington's concern was the salary cap, which will almost certainly

take effect next year. The Packers, 9-7, last year, fit other criteria, however.

proved dramatically last year from 4-12 under their first-year coach, back up starter Brett Favre.

Mike Holmgren. "Reggie was very impressed with Mike Hoimgren," White's agent, Jimmy Sexton, said during the soap opera-like recruiting journey

around the country. White also seemed to prefer an NFC team, eliminating the New York Jets and the Browns.

Green Bay also has strengthened itself during free agency, signing nose tackle Bill Mans from Kansas City and guard Harry Galbreath from Miami. With White joining Maas on the defensive line, it should have a major impact on a defense that ranked 23d in the NFL last scason

O'Brien from the New York Jets to The Detroit Lions, seeking to re-

build their sagging offensive line, said Tuesday they had signed free agent guards Bill Fraile and Dave Richards. over two matches.

The Lions also kept strong safety William White, signing him to a deal that apparently will keep him from becoming a Kausas City Chief.

Terms of the contracts were undisclosed, but published reports in-dicated that Fralic and Richards would make about \$5 million each over three years and White \$2.4 But Rangers never was a one man band.

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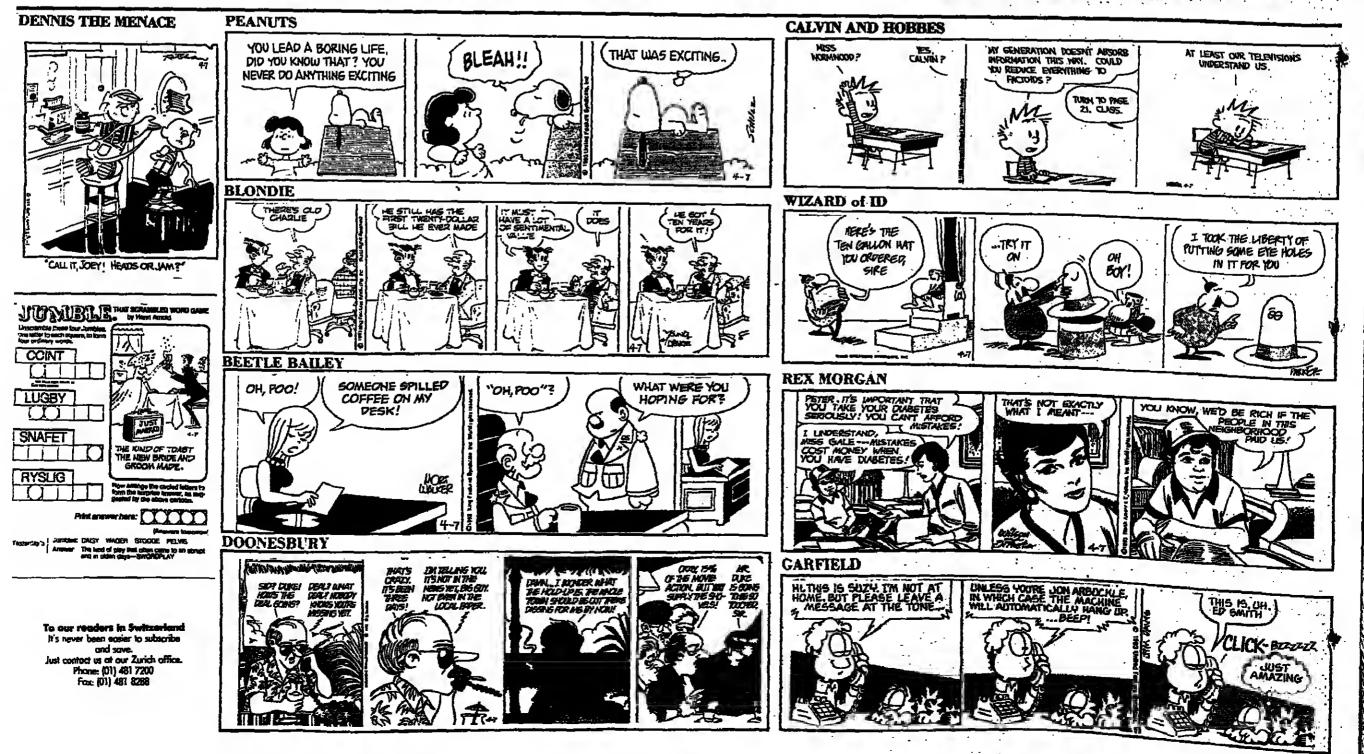
However, the Milanese have a priceless ad-vantage. They could lose to Gothenburg yet still, because they lead by two points, finish atop Group 2 by winning against Eindhoven in Milan two weeks from now.

But in Marseille there is more heat, more immediacy. If either team wins, it cannot be overtaken in Group 1; if the match is drawn, the group winner would be decided April 21, when alle visits Broges and Rangers has, on paper, the easier match at home with CSKA Monoow. Marseille has match winning qualities in Pele, in the German Rudi Vollar, the Croat Alen Boksic and indeed the cloquent Sauzee.

tional suspension of six months to two years. tional suspension of six months to two years, was suspended immediately. The league's disci-plinary committee is expected to decide on his punishment at a meeting April 16. • England's team captain, Stuart Pearce, is to have sungery next week on a lingering groin injury and will be unable to play in the next three World Cup matches or the rest of the league season, his club, Nottingham Forest, said Tuesday.

For the Record

Densen Petrovic, who tore a ligament in his left knee on March 30, has been cleared to e practice with the NBA New Jersey Nets but isn't eligible to play until April 8. (NYT) Gas Logie, a veteran of 52 Tests and 158 oneday internationals for the West Indies, announced his retirement from cricket. (A.P)





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Dodgers, and That's Not **Even the Weirdest Part**

By William Booth Washington Post Service MIAMI - It may have been

opening day for America's pastime, but this is Miami, and so it is right that baseball here is different, because this is the nation's capital of mem It is right that the Florida Mar-

It is right that the Florida Mar-lins' shortstop, Alex Arias, pos-sesses an orange-haired voodoo dell. Just as it is right that hum-zieds, if not thousands, of fans at the Florida Marlins' sold-out season-opener at Joe Robbie Stadium are chatting up their friends from cellular phones and letting them listen to the roar of the crowd and the crack of the bat, Live? Mostly in Spanish. This was from the sell-

out crowd of 43,000, gone almost nuts from a century of majorleague baseball deprivation. It is tight, too, that the Martins

-assumed to be a lame expansion team and hence almost worthy of pity (made up as they are of baby-laced youths, old-timers and mer-

and the slow-mo (should we say weird?) knuckleball of the solidly middle-aged Charlie Hough.

"You're always hoping for a day hike today," said outfielder Jeff Conine, who singled up the middle in the second imming and scored on shortstop Walt Weiss's triple.

A good day. But typical of ex- single to Jim Eisenreich. embarrass myself in front of mil-hons of people."

The fans were not so humble. "People should understand that lifetime record against the Royals The fans were not so humble. this is a town that knows how to to 13-3.

have fun," said Oscar Rojas, a self-described "beeper dealer" (of course) who came to the game with scalped tickets (of course) he bought from an outlit that stopped answering its phones three days

bread), empandar (meat turn-overs); that local rabhis negotiated with the Marins' management to move the game from evening to

Hough's first pitch, which was a strike.

strike. This was Hough, whom Miami Herald writer Dave Barry com-pared to "your Uncle Warren," the 45-year-old wiseacre who emerged from his preseason physical with a cigarette in his lips and told reporters "the doctors told me I was in

decent shape — if I was 50." Well, the aging knuckle-baller took down his first batter, the saccificial lamb Jose Offerman, in three pitches, Gone!

He proceeded to strike out center fielder Brett Butler, then got Darryl Strawberry to ground out. Three up. Three down. Not a bad first inning. Not a bad beginning for baseball in Florida. But, still ... weird,

In later games Monday, The Associated Press reported:

Athletics 9, Tigers 4: Eric Fox hit grand slam and Ruben Sierra drove in two runs off former teammate Mike Moore as Oakland won its home opener.

For, who hit three homers in 51 games for Oakland last season, homered off Tom Bolton in the eighth after the Athletics loaded the bases on three walks by Mark Leiter.

Phillies 3, Astros 1: Terry Mulholland pitched a four-hitter while Doug Drabek, the 1990 NL Cy Young Award winner, lost in his first start for Houston after six seasons with Pittsburgh.

Drabek gave up only four hits in cight imings and retired his last 13 batters. But he gave up two runs in the fourth - an RBI double to Darren Daulton and a run-scoring

pansion humility, Conine said af-Red Sox 3, Royals 1: Roger Serward that "I just wanted to make Clemens held the Royals to six hits good contact with the ball and not and a run over eight imnings as embarrass myself in front of mil- Boston won in Kansas City.

Mike Greenwell drove in all the Boston runs with a bases-loaded triple in the fifth. The left fielder also helped prevent a Kansas City run in the fourth when he made a

Expansion Marlins Beat NCAA Title: Last-Minute Oops! And It's Over



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Chris Webber stopped Carolina's Eric Montross, got 23 points and 11 rebounds -- but blew the time-out call.

Webber's Error With 11 Seconds Left Allows 77-71 North Carolina Victory

By Malcolm Moran New York Times Service NEW ORLEANS - No matter how successful his basketball career may be at the Universi-ty of Michigan or beyond, Chris Webber will

never be allowed to forget the moment, with a national championship in the balance, when he called a time-out his team did not possess. Webber's error, with 11 seconds to play in the championship game of the National Colleglate Athletic Association tournament, resulted in a technical foul that ended the hope for a Michigan comeback and allowed North Caroli-

na 10 secure a 77-71 victory Monday night. For the second time in Dean Smith's 32 seasons as coach, the Tar Heels won a title with the help of a mistake at a crucial time. Eleven years before, in the same building, a pass direct-ly into the hands of James Worthy by George-town's Fred Brown with 5 seconds left sealed a 63-62 victory in the final.

Webber's costly decision allowed Donald Williams to make four free throws in the last 11 seconds: a pair following the technical foul with 11 seconds to play and two more with 8 seconds remaining after the Tar Heels inbounded the

North Carolina (34-4) won its third champi-onship. Michigan (31-5) joined Ohio State (in 1961 and 1962) and Houston (in 1983 and 1984) as the only schools in the 55-year-old history of the tournament to lose the championship game in successive seasons.

Michigan's last chance began with 20 sec-onds to play, when the Carolina junior Pat Sullivan, after making the first foul shot for a 73-71 lead, missed the second. Webber, who had appeared on the verge of exhaustion earlier in the second half, grabbed the rebound and immediately seemed to commit a traveling violation in front of the Tar Heel bench. The violation was not called, causing the North Carolina players and coaches to leap in anger, Webber advanced quickly up the right side

line. But then, surrounded by Carolina defend-ers, he made his mistake. The day before the game, he had said that last year's defeat to Duke in the championship game had been the worst moment of his life. Asked later Monday night what had hap-

pened this time, Webber at first said. "I don't remember."

The fresh memory was only beginning to become painful, "I just called a time-out," Webber said, "and it probably cost us the game. If I knew we didn't have any time-outs left, then 1 wouldn't have called one."

George Lynch, who scored 12 points with 10 rebounds, said the decision did not appear to be

in Japan -except, of course, the Tokyo Giants. To

make matters worse for the Giants, they played to

a 3-3 tie against the Yakult Swallows on Sunday

and lost that game on points as well. Thus, they

finished a dismal fourth in the league tournament

McCarthy, with 410 points, was sitting on a

without ever being outscored.

The Grand National's Big Winner

Webber's alone. "It sounded like the whole bench said, 'Call time-out, call time-out,' " said Lynch, who was defending against Webber from behind. "Everyone in the stands was say-

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But in the final confusing moments, both Lynch and Webber had apparently heard the wrong message. James Voskuil, a Michigan senior, said the players on the bench had been welling "No time.out" yelling, "No time-out." Williams, who was voted the most outstand-

ing player of the tournament, led the Tar Heels with 25 points, including 8 consecutive Carolina points in a crucial sequence down the stretch to keep the Tar Heels within a point, 67-66,

with 3 minutes, 52 seconds to go. Webber led the Wolverines with 23 points, 11 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. He scored 14 of his points in the second half as Michigan overcame an 8-point deficit to take as much as a 4point lead with 4:15 to play.

The Wolverines withstood a 11-2 Carolina run to stay within striking distance. Ray Jack-son's 18-foot shot with 47 seconds to play brought Michigan within 3 points, 72-69, and the Wolverines called a time-out, their last, a second later.

They were down to their final one because of a subtle, but effective, defensive sequence the Tar Heels had executed with 15:16 to play. On an inbounds play, the Wolverines had been forced to use a time-out when Lynch and Derrick Phelps double-teamed the Wolverine point guard Jalen Rose, and signaling for time was Juwan Howard's only way to avoid a 5-second

violation. "They didn't have anyone coming back to help Jalca," Lynch said. "I told Derrick, 'Get in front of him,' and I got behind him. They weren't prepared to help him out,"

That small defensive success for the Tar Heels led to Webber's decision, which immediately became the worst mistake of his basketball career.

No Fab Loss For the Fab 5

By Thomas George

New ORLEANS — The second time around for this Michigan bunch in the champi-onship game ended in such a flurry of action, mistakes and then despair that it took the Wolverines a few moments to accept a loss that just did not seem right. Not losing this way.

There was simply nothing fabulous about it. "If we had to lose," said Michigan's coach, Sieve Fisher, "we would have wanted to lose in a more traditional way, maybe a missed shot at the end or some kind of drive toward the basket that just didn't work."

"Then everyone would be coming in here saying what a hard-fought game it was a

bot dogs and beer, but also high-octane café cubana, media noche sandwiches (odd cuts on Cuban bread), empanadas (meat turn-bread), empanadas (meat turn-

majors, to appease fans who found the game drab, brightened things up with uniforms of day-glo green and screaming orange.

roaring crowds late into the night. Another reason is that the trains and subways here stop running at midnight, after which many fans can't get home.

hard we scrapped," he added. "But we know a runner - former Cleveland Indian Marty Brown that won't be the headlines tomorrow. That won't be the story. We'll have to find a way to -at first. In normal Japanese baseball, no manager would ever call a steal at such a crucial point. deal with the reality." But the Carp's manager, Koji Yamamoto, realiz-The reality was that Chris Webber made a ing his team needed not a run but just one base to go ahead on Attack Points, yanked the aging Brown and sent in his fleetest player, Kaoru Nihei, huge defensive rebound, appeared to travel, raced over midcourt and in front of his bench called time-out when Michigan had none, Elev-en seconds were left. Michigan trailed 73-71. as a pitch runner with instructions to steal at all costs. "The bench was yelling 'No time-outs! No Since the fans were kept abreast of the Attack Point situation, everybody in the stadium knew what Nihei had in mind. On the first pitch, he did it time-outs!" " said foward James Voskuil, who was on that beach. "You've got 64,000 people screaming and in the mix of that, it probably sounded like, "Time-out! Time-out!" There is no - becoming the first player in history to win a game for his team by sliding into second base. doubt in my mind that Chris thought we were Since both scams went hitless in the 10th inning, that last Attack Point won the game for the Carp. saying time-out. Maybe the bench should have kept its mouth shut." This exciting finish pleased just about everybody

good relay to shortstop Luis Riveso, again, it is right that there are Mayne at the plate.

By T.R. Reid

The innovative "Attack Points" system was de-

In Australia, where fans found baseball too slow, batters are now awarded a walk after three balls, so that 2-2 becomes a full count. The South Korean tial areas, where neighbors won't put up with that 2-2 becomes a full count. The South Korean

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signed not only to pick a winner in long, close games but also to inject some excitement into the For DiMaggio tossed out the cerefamously conservative brand of baseball played monial first pitch. Then, the 45here. The plan succeeded on both counts last year-old Hough took the mound weekend when it was used for the first time in a and a crowd of more than 43,000 game between the Tokyo Giants and the Hiroshistood and cheered his historic first ma Carp. witch The Giants-Carp contest ended after 10 innings

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The Miami Herald, as blissed out in a 5-5 tie - games ending in ties being another sany, had been running a series of Japanese baseball innovation. But because the as any, had been running a series of articles counting the days until the opener. Monday, the Herakh nar the kind of front-page screaming headline usually reserved for natu-system. Since Hiroshima had run up more Attack ral disasters, which no one here Points -- total bases on hits and steals -- the Carp hopes the Marlins are: "PLAY became the first team in baseball's long history to win a game not on runs but on points.

And why not? Indeed, the day was obscenely perfect, from blue many subtle and not-so-subtle twists imposed on skies and a pennant-snapping the U.S. national pastime as the game spreads breeze off home plate to old man across the Pacific.

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The Attack Point scoring system tried in Japan over the weekend was a preseason experiment, not for use during regular league games. But the plan got rave reviews in the daily national sports news-papers, and Central League officials said they anned to try it again next year.

For the most part, the sport known in Japanese as yakyon or field ball closely resembles big-league baseball in the United States. Uniforms, dugouts, bullpens, hand signals and even the basic structure of pro ball — with two major league pennent races followed by the antumn "Nippon Series" — are all the same.

Much of the language of baseball here has been borrowed from the Americans, albeit with some twists of pronunciation. But the Japanese have added some terms of their own, including the lovely "Sayonara Homah," a home run that ends the game.

And Japan's major leagues have always permit-

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Currently, regular season games are permitted to go 15 innings before they end in a tic.

For the weekend's end-of-exhibition-season tournament held at the egg-shaped Tokyo Dome stadium, however, there was time for only 10 mnings at the most. So league officials went back to the drawing boards.

"One thing was, we needed some kind of tio-breaker," said Ryoichi Shibusawa, executive director of the Central League and the man behind the new plan.

"But also, there's too much playing percentages in Japanese ball. The managers are so conservative -you know, a hit and a sacrifice bunt, another hit and another bunt. We wanted to encourage aggres-siveness. So I said, 'Let's reward people if they swing for extra bases or go for the steal.'"

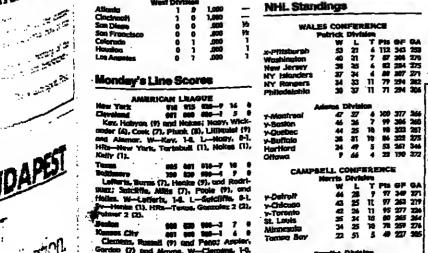
That's exactly what happened in the game Satur-day between Tokyo and Hiroshima.

United Press International

Guard Jalen Rose tried to console Webber and his other teammates by saying that they were sophomores and to remember the aftermath of last year's loss to Duke. There would be no crying, no heads hung this time, Rose said.

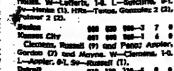
"It takes 40 minutes to lose a game," Rose said. "Last year we carried our emotions on our sleeves and on our shoulders. We put all of our esps in one basket last year but we won't make that same mistake. We're sophomores now, a year older and a year wiser. We have to look at the big picture. We are more mature. We have much to be proud of."

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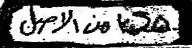
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By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - Listening to experts on the health-care

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Since her tour-de-force performance in

the 1989 thriller "Sea of Love," her name

has come to he associated with powerfully

sexual roles ("a professional sex bomb,

sexual roles ("a professional sex bonn," deplored Stanley Kaufiman in The New Republic), which Barkin finds ironic and even a small victory. "Until 'Desert Bloom'" — the 1986 film in which she plays a lush '50s sexport — "no one would

ever let me play a part like that. My acting

teachers said audiences wouldn't buy i

Because so many female stars are over 35. she says, the studios invariably come up with boilerplate roles for them. "All they

could think of was, there's a . . . mother! And she's, uh, something! And she's mar-ried, she's not married, she never was mar-

ried. And the kid has a problem and then

the kid's fine. She gets a boyfriend. Or she finally leaves one. End of the movie."

As it happens, Barkin is a woman over

with two children - Romy Marian,

who was born in November, and Jack

coming from me."

Critics' Darling Does All the Wrong Things

PEOPLE

Changing of the Guard At Paris Art Opening

First gig: France's new conservaister of culture made his first official "ribbon-cutting" since the center-right came to power in a landslide last month. Jacques Tonbon presided over the vernissage of the Picasso show "Bulls and Bull-" fighters" at the Picasso Museum in Paris. Toubon succeeds Jack Lang. whose high fashion suits and taste for rap music and graffiti art helped to make him a flambovant figure in French politics. And no doubt a tough act to follow.

The Oscar flap goes on. Than Robbins and Susan Sarandon, criticized for making a political state-ment at the Academy Awards presentation, asked in a letter to the Los Angeles Times: "Was what we did inappropriate? We think that silence in the face of cruelty is inappropriate." They had appealed F the United States to admit Haiting refugees who are HIV positive.

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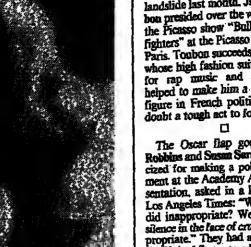
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Robert De Niro has no obliga-tion to pay child support for the daughter of a night he acted like a fa-contended that he acted like a father to the child, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge has ruled. He dismissed claims by Hel-ena Lisandrello that De Niro was "a putative father" to her 10-yearold daughter, Nina.

The most heavily promoted show in Germany in years - "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," a mosical based on the life of the late Marlene Dietrich - will open in Berlin on Wednesday. · D.

A former namy for Min Far-row's children testified that Farrow once slapped one of her adopted sons because he could not find a dog leash. Testifying in the custody dispute between Farrow and Woody Alles, the name, Monica Thompson, acknowledged that she had told police in Connecticut last year that Farrow was a good mother who had never hit her children, but said she lied because she was working for Farrow and feared she would lose her job.



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Ellen Barkin as a mother in her new movie, "This Boy's Life." crew now lives in Westchester, New York. But even as Barkin wages an unsubtle campaign to return to the center of the universe, that place inevitably means Manhattan, not Beverly Hills. "When I'm in California," she explains, "I start thinking of myself as a movie star because, when I want to have dinner with

friends, they say, 'Fine, but you make the reservation.' And that's what makes it dangerons. Because being a movie star is And, she adds, to be a movie star, one's

tilms must do exceedingly well at the box office — a feat that she, who has been in a INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED number of flops, has trouble achieving. Appears on Pages 4 & 15.

Daniel, who is 3. She mot her husband during the filming of "Siesta," and they married in 1988, Byrne, 42, currently ap-pearing in "Point of No Return," recently something of an anachronism: "She should have been around in the '40s and 50s - she would have thrived in the Gloria Grahame and Veronica Lake roles." On the domestic front, he adds branched into producing: His latest effort, "In the Name of the Father," will soon start filming in Ireland with Daniel Dayquickly, "Ellen is enormously kind and nerous and incredibly soft and tender." Lewis and Emma Thompson. John Turimro, who directed her in his Bot, he says dryly, "Those qualities aren't current movie, "Mac," has been a friend of called upon to a great extent on a movie the couple's for several years. Together, he Barkin does soften when she speaks of said, they bring a prickly, witty repartee to Byme: "I really enjoy being with Gabriel - I never tire of hearing him relay the an evening out, and he compares them in style with Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, "Ellen is, like, a great broad," he day's events the way he does. He has an honesty and an innocence I don't have." At Byrne's prodding, the Barkin-Byrne

says. "That's a compliment, you know." Byrne agrees that his wife is indeed

By Jan Hoffman New York Times Service New York, in the '60s she ran with a tough girl gang and, in the 70s, she was a snar-NEW YORK - Ellen Barkin bites into a strawberry and takes a sip of lish downtown waitress par excellence ("I trained at the Mickey Ruskin School of decaf. Slowly, her face crinkles up into her Surly Waitressing"), so she has no probsignature lopsided squint-grin. "Just look at this body," she says, at once amused lem getting in the face of a screenwriter, 2 director or a producer. But, she recorts, at this body, she says, at once amused and exasperated. She is pointing to herself. Aesthetically speaking, it is a pleasing body, as those who have seen her sexual "having an opinion and sticking to your guns - if you're a man, like Nick Nolte, Al Pacino or Robert De Niro - means duels in "The Big Easy," "Sea of Love" or "Switch" will vividly recall. And from the 'deeply talented and deeply committed.' If you're a woman, it means You're diffi-

perspective of a visitor roughly her age --she says she is under 40 - it is downright Other A-list disqualifiers: She's not a workaholic - just about one big picture a enviable: siender and full and taut in all year - she lives on the wrong coast and "I just had a baby three months ago. Would I look like this if I wasn't an acdoes summers and Christmas in Ireland (with her husband, the Irish actor Gabriel Byrne).

tress? I mean, come on!" If one wooders why Ellen Barkin, a perennial critic's darling, hasn't yet clam-bered onto the A list of Hollywood actresses that includes Barbra, Michelle, Julia and Geena, the answer is apparent by meeting's end: The woman has a bit of an

competitive shape. She pops up in Liz Smith's column and People magazine just enough to meet her minimum celebrityparty requirement.

She has co-starred with a few good men: Dennis Quaid, Al Pacino, Jack Nicholson But most of the scripts she gets these days are for mother roles. "Hollywood and oow Robert De Niro, in "This Boy's doesn't know what else to do with women over 35," she says. "They don't have a clue about what we do. Are all these men fa-Life," a new film based on the Tobias Wolff thers? No."

bled at food and picked at Hollywood, talked about sexuality, marriage and motherhood. At tantalizing moments dur-ing an interview she insists that a tape recorder be stopped. Then she'll dish

Edwards, who directed her in "Switch" and is fond of her oonetheless, says: "She can be somewhat of an emotional bully. She's very suspicious of people. She's a street fighter, very complex, very sexy. And there's also a frightened little girl in there; that's where the mistrust comes from. You know that line, 'She's an interesting cat, but don't put your hand in the cage

Michael Caton-Jones, the director of "This Boy's Life," takes Barkin's conten-tiousness in stride, "One man's difficulty is another man's conversation," he says, and then sighs. "She is very intelligent and would question me a lot. Ellen is feisty. But that never bothers me: it means an actor really cares," Barkin does concede that she's a prac-

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Grace Lichtenstein

T first in-depth look at women's professional tennis since six-figure tournament purses and milliondollar endorsement deals lifted the women's tour into the rarefied atmosphere of superstar sports. (John Feinstein's excellent book, "Hard Courts," did include the women but focused on the men's tour.) Having followed the women during the 1991 tour, Michael Mewshaw presents a downright lurid picture of unhappy youngsters manipulated by insensitive, un-

earnings of players such as Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Steffi adults exploit them emotionally, Graf, Monica Seles, Jennifer Caphysically and sexually. Meanpriati and Gabriela Sabatini put while, sponsors, promoters and the them in the same stratosphere as game's own governing organizathe likes of Fred Couples, Barry Bonds and Shaquille O'Neal. tions look the other way. The fault, Mewshaw sugge Their lives are managed by enlies primarily with parents. Some are almost too close to their daughtourages of agents, coaches, managers, pareots and hangers-on. ters, such as Steffi Graf's supposed-They are shielded from the real alcoholic father, Peter. Others, world by these handlers, pushed to like Mary Pierce's loudmouthed fafocus solely on the game, subjected ther Jim, beat their daughters. Or, to stresses of an endless season that like the father of Venus Williams, a often lead to chronie injury.

black California schoolgirl, they But there is a big difference. market their daughters, hungry for Male sports pros are in their 20s the fortune they can make. Then when they become marketable. The there are men like Papas Seles and top women tennis stars are only half-educated, not-yet-grown girls. Capriati, tennis know-nothings who insist on horning in on their They are as young as 14 when they youngsters' coaching.

about the men's tour, "Short Cir- ed lonely young girls are taken cuit," was criticized for sensational advantage of hy older men hired to tales that lacked adequate docu- practice and travel with them. mentation.

This account has the same pro lem. As he describes the weeks he spent trotting after the women, to whom he did not have very much access, Mewshaw repeats every ruthey mor (aloogside documented profile. events) that has followed these Too had that, instead of address events) that has followed these players for years.

Are you stillated by innuendo about predatory lesbians, lecherous male coaches, smanny patrons, ra-pacious agents? Mewshaw serves up tidbits on them all. Unfortunately, he relies on casual talk by other sportswriters, anonymous questionable named sources or SOUTCES

Ladies of the Court" raises le gitimate issues about education. eating disorders, financial finagling, parenting and sexuality among women in the sport in which have achieved their highest

ing them in responsible, balanced journalistic fashion, Mewshaw gives them the National Enquirer

Grace Lichtenstein, a former ex-ecutive editor of World Tennis magarine who wrote about the women's tennis circuit in "A Long Way Baby," wrote this for The Washington Post

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